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REDS CLAIM THREE KMT ARMIES ROUTED

Hainan remnants facing surrender or death

CHUSAN ISLANDS NEXT

The Chinese Communists claimed yesterday they had routed three Nationalist armies numbering some 60,000 men in the battle for Hainan Island and reports indicated that most of the remaining Nationalist troops faced surrender or death.

Planes raid Red craft in Chusan area

Taipei, April 26. Nationalist Air Headquarters said its planes attacked 260 Communist craft yesterday near the Red-held islands of the Chusan group, causing heavy losses. It said the Red vessels were carrying troops and supplies. —Associated Press.

HK seamen aiding Reds on Hainan

San Francisco, April 25. A large number of seamen have left Canton, Hong Kong and Hankow for Hainan to help the Communist army on the newly occupied island in transport work, a Peking radio broadcast said today.

It reported that two parties of seamen left Hankow on April 16 and 23. Among them were captains of patrol boats and crews of state owned and privately owned vessels.

Canton seamen held a meeting on April 13 to give a send-off to the party of seamen for the Hainan front, the broadcast said. Mr. Lin Chiang-yun, chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the Kwangtung Trade Union Council, and a number of other seamen who took part in the Hong Kong 1922 seamen's strike, spoke at the meeting.

A 60-year-old veteran was quoted by the radio as saying: "I have been a seaman for 45 years and have suffered all the oppression of imperialism and reactionaries. Now we seamen of Canton must do our part in the battles for Hainan and Taiwan."

A similar meeting was held in Hong Kong where trade unionists, according to the broadcast, presented flowers and banners to seamen leaving for the Hainan front. —United Press.

HOTEL WORKERS' DEMAND REFUSED

Workers of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, who numbered about 1,500, were told by the management yesterday that their demand for an extra living allowance of \$30 a month could not be accepted.

At the meeting of the hotel employees last night the decision of the management was discussed and any further action will be decided following a general meeting of all the members.

The Weather

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Reunion in Serowe



Seretas Khama, exiled chief-elect of the Bamangwato tribe of Bechuanaland, smiles happily as his wife grabs at the handle of his truck. His wife, the former Ruth Williams of London, ran 500 yards along a sandy track in the African bush to meet him when she saw his truck arriving. She fell half laughing, half sobbing into her husband's arms. The couple had been separated for nearly three months. Ruth carries a torch, for the meeting took place during the dark early morning hours. Ruth has waited at Serowe, the tribal capital. (A.P. photo).

U.S. embarrassed over British request on sterling debts

New York, April 25.

The State Department was embarrassed over the disclosure that Britain has asked the United States to help pay her sterling debts to South East Asian countries, the "New York Times" reported today.

Britain has suggested that these countries might consider a reduction of the sterling debt in return for American economic aid.

"They now have a gold reserve of nearly \$200,000,000 (about \$214,000,000) he added. Why should we advance them more money?"

"Even in the Executive branch, where the British suggestion was better understood, there was no immediate chorus of approval," the "New York Times" said.

"Stripped of all diplomatic verbiage, the suggestion was recognized in these quarters as a method of reducing Britain's external debt, making the pounds sterling a strong currency."

"The reaction in the executive branch, particularly among the financial minds, might have been more specifically enthusiastic had the British memorandum been more to the point in desiring to bring about dollar convertibility of sterling and returning to more normal multilateral relationships in trade and payments."

"Instead, according to those conversant with the loosely-held memorandum, the main emphasis was the necessity of a joint Anglo-American approach to the economic and political problems of the South East Asia area, in which British interests, including those of Commonwealth members, are substantial."

"From an operating point of view, the British suggestion was considered very vulnerable. Granted the willingness of South East Asia Governments to scale down their sterling balances in return for direct aid from the United States, it was observed that the bulk of the six thousand million dollars of sterling balance were held by India and Pakistan."

"Other South East Asia countries, including Burma, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaya, have only working balances in sterling, or none at all."

"Thus a question might arise whether India and Pakistan could be expected, under the economic aid programme, to make concessions required of other countries in South East Asia."

"Despite these apparent shortcomings, officials were hopeful that the British suggestion would be accepted with the other governments concerned, even if it required a substantial balance of payments transfer to the United States."

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BIG THREE TO DISCUSS PLAN TO STOP COMMUNISM

London, April 25.

The West hopes to achieve a comprehensive long-term plan to stop Communism at the Foreign Ministers' conference here on May 12 and May 13.

Top priority, informants say, will go to the Far East, South East Asia, Germany, and the possibility of a new Soviet "cold war" offensive in Europe.

Diplomatic experts already have begun preparations for this most searching examination of Western foreign policy since the beginning of the cold war.

The talks, begun yesterday at the expert level, will culminate in the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of France, Britain and the United States here.

The extensive agenda, calling for discussion of all the far flung areas where Communist expansion is threatened, underlines the seriousness of the meeting.

Trieste demand. Meanwhile, a Foreign Office spokesman disclosed that Britain, France and the United States are comparing notes on what reply to make to Russia's demand last week that occupation troops—Yugoslav as well as British and American—be withdrawn from Trieste.

The U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, Dr. Philip Jessup, who heads the American experts, met yesterday with Mr. Rene Massigli, French Ambassador to London, and Sir William Strang, Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office.

An afternoon meeting was held between American and British officials. Two and three power talks will continue throughout the week. The task of the experts is to prepare the agenda, reports, briefs and recommendations for the meeting of the Foreign Ministers.

The French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, and the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

The overall aim of the Foreign Ministers' conference is said by diplomatic informants to be formation of a policy which will weld non-Communist portions of the world more firmly together. —Associated Press.

Compensation for British internees

London, April 25.

Mr. C. J. M. Allport, Conservative member of Parliament, called today for legislation to provide compensation from Japan for British prisoners of war who suffered from brutal treatment during internment.

In a letter to "The Times", Mr. Allport drew attention to the United States public law 898 which provides for payment of any claim filed by any prisoner of war for compensation.

He said: "Whether precisely a similar enactment is appropriate for the British is a matter for consideration."

Mr. Allport added: "The extent of the savage treatment meted out to British prisoners and internees by the Japanese has never been properly understood by the British public."

There is increasing evidence that the delayed effects of this treatment are becoming apparent in the shape of chronic ill health, neurosis and ineffectual blindness."

He pressed for the matter to be raised in Parliament, adding: "No compensation can fully make good the memories and effects of years spent in brutal Japanese hands... but it is a step towards the recognition of the fact that the Japanese are not yet known in Hong Kong."

The Sir John Franklin will be the fourth ship to enter Hong Kong within the past three weeks with European evacuees. More than 100 evacuees have succeeded in leaving Shanghai via Tientsin during April.

It is thought that several American Consular officials are on board the Sir John Franklin.

South Pacific conference

Suva, April 25.

Spokesmen of 3,000,000 peoples of the Pacific were to gather for the first time from an area extending 5,000 miles East to West and 2,000 miles North to South, said the Governor of Fiji, Sir Leslie, Brian Freeston, declaring the South Pacific Conference open this morning.

He said the gathering was unique in history. "The Conference was being watched with the keenest interest in all corners of the globe and the deliberations would be examined by people in areas far removed from the Pacific."

Sir Leslie said the Conference was devised so that the people of the Pacific would make known at first hand their hopes, needs and aspirations.

"You are, in fact, a Parliament of the South Pacific," he told the delegates. —Reuter.

Troops move in but dock strike spreads

London, April 25.

With troops unloading ships, London's dock strike spread still further today until just before noon, 13,000 were idle, nearly a thousand more than yesterday.

The official Dock Labour Board announced that 12,000 dockers and 2,019 troops and sailors were working 31 ships, while 84 ships were idle. The troops on "Operation Springtide" marched into the docks through a blinding snow-storm today.

The strike began last Wednesday in protest against the expulsion from the transport and general workers union of three men alleged to have fed last summer's stoppage in support of the Canadian seamen's dispute.

A Government spokesman said another 3,500 troops would be added to the working force today and 1,000 more a day until the port paralysis is overcome, adds United Press.—Reuter and United Press.

Shanghai evacuees in U.S. ship

An American ship, ss. Sir John Franklin, was reliably reported to have left Tientsin yesterday with eleven Shanghai evacuees on board.

The ship, owned by the Hansa-Linien Company of New York, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong later this week.

The names of the 11 Shanghai evacuees are not yet known in Hong Kong.

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ANOTHER TRAIN FROM SHANGHAI

The third direct train from Shanghai arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday morning and returns to Shanghai on Monday.

The train brought 12 freight wagons loaded with vegetable oils and took away newsprint, gunny bags, petrol, and cotton yarn.

JORDAN ANNEXES WEST PALESTINE

Amman, Hashemite Jordan, April 25. Hashemite Jordan last night annexed Western Palestine and the old city of Jerusalem. —Associated Press.

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Hong Kong's exports to North China

After suffering a considerable decline in February, Hong Kong's exports to North China increased by HK\$14,043,379 (declared value) in March, according to official statistics. Total exports to North China in March were HK\$41,429,054 as compared with HK\$27,385,675 in February and HK\$17,228,773 in March 1949.

The Colony's record monthly exports to North China was registered in December, 1949, when the figure was HK\$62,301,540 followed by HK\$41,037,487 in January this year. Average monthly exports to North China in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$4,385,309, HK\$3,870,916 and HK\$2,860,180, respectively.

Imports from North China in March increased by HK\$270,705 over February's figure. March's total imports from North China were HK\$28,389,530 as compared with HK\$28,107,654 in February and HK\$19,480,892 in March last year.

December's and January's imports were HK\$30,007,440 and HK\$35,014,918, respectively. Average monthly imports in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$3,310,693, HK\$1,801,620 and HK\$1,400,863, respectively.

Despite the Nationalist naval blockade and trade restrictions imposed by the new People's Central Government, Central China's imports in March from Hong Kong increased by some HK\$6,000,000 over February's figure.

March's exports from here to Central China totaled HK\$36,888,780 as compared with HK\$30,888,511 in February and HK\$28,203 in March last year.

Central China's record imports from Hong Kong was in December last year when the total was HK\$48,589,080. In January this year it dropped to HK\$29,084,578.

The average monthly exports to Central China in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$3,591,381, HK\$4,702,214 and HK\$18,170,402, respectively.

Central China exports
Central China's exports to the Colony totaled HK\$3,334,239 in March as compared with HK\$4,914,215 in February and HK\$2,914,089 in March last year.

The average monthly imports from Central China in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$2,597,543, HK\$3,447,074 and HK\$4,930,817, respectively.

Hong Kong's exports to South China, however, decreased in March when the total was HK\$10,182,238 as compared with HK\$23,504,660 in the previous month and HK\$10,266,284 in March last year.

Average monthly exports to South China in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$14,063,133, HK\$8,654,044 and HK\$11,562,110, respectively.

Imports from South China increased from HK\$11,230,980 in February to HK\$17,238,898 in March. In December and January the figures were HK\$40,997,125 and HK\$6,254,001, respectively.

The monthly average imports from South China in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$2,531,742, HK\$21,134,238 and HK\$25,121,131, respectively.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Brian Douglas Hodgson, ship's officer of Indo-China Steam Navigation Company Limited, and Miss Vera Dorothy Griffiths, secretary of 3, Cameron Road, Kowloon.

Messrs. O.F. Halvorsen, J. Andrequet, C.W. McDonald, J. Tene and F.L. Daniels left Hong Kong for Singapore yesterday by BOAC.

Funeral of naval rating

The funeral of Ordinary Seaman Kenneth William Kingston of the frigate HMS Hart took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley yesterday.

The service was conducted by the Chaplain of H.M. Dockyard, Seaman Kingston, aged 19, from Hull, Yorkshire, was found by his shipmates at about 8 p.m. on Saturday with gunshot wounds in his head and subsequently succumbed.

He was buried with full military honours yesterday and a burial party from HMS Hart fired the customary three volleys over his grave. The hearse was escorted by 20 of his comrades, and six of his shipmates acted as pallbearers. They were Ordinary Seaman Jamieson, AB Green, AB Clarke, AB Archer, AB Brown, AB Walker, and Ordinary Seaman Holliday.

Commander E. D. Webb, Commander Mulleneaux, who recently assumed command of HMS Hart, Lieutenant Barrett, Lieutenant, R. Jameson, Lieutenant, R. Leathers, Lieutenant, J. Acland and J. Coney, AB Brown, AB Farago, AB French, and AB Walker, members of HMS Hart and officers and representatives of other HMS vessels in Port attended.

Couple charged with obtaining money by false pretences

Sentence on Wong Sai-moon, alias Wong Ching, aged 31, and Lily Souzo, alias Lily Wong, aged 31, found guilty on three charges of obtaining money by false pretences, was deferred till today by Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Defendants, who are husband and wife, were charged with obtaining \$100 from Kam Ping-chung at Bay View on April 9, obtaining \$90 from Kam Tong on April 11 at Bay View and obtaining \$80 each from Siu-hing, Ha Pat, Lu Shul and Tse Heung on April 17. They got the money from complainants by pretending that they could obtain employment for them at the Tai Tai See Cafe in King's Road.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. T. Wong said that on April 4, first complainant asked Wong Sai-moon to find employment for him. Wong consented but asked for \$100, which was given. On April 10, second complainant was introduced to two defendants and he too paid them \$90 to get a job.

On April 17, the other four complainants were introduced to defendants and they each paid them \$80 to get a job. On April 20, first complainant's suspicions were aroused and he found, after enquiries, that the Tai Tai See Cafe would not employ Kam Ping-chung and also that the cafe had never heard of Wong Sai-moon.

On April 23, defendants were brought to the Police Station and charged.

American University Club formed

About 100 American college and university students of all nationalities, mostly Chinese, formed themselves into the American University Club of Hong Kong yesterday.

They met yesterday evening at the United States Information Service Library at Edinburgh House, and passed the draft constitution drawn up by the promoters of the Club.

The aims of the organization are given as fellowship, culture and service.

Membership is open to persons of any nationality who have attended or served in an American institution of college level or its equivalent for a period of not less than six months. There was a fair sprinkling of ladies at the meeting. Dr. Joseph Yu, who was elected chairman by the promoters, announced that at the next meeting election of officials will be held.

Funeral Mr. Wong Tai-yen

The funeral of Mr. Wong Tai-yen, aged 65, a wealthy and prominent Hong Kong citizen, took place at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

Mr. Wong Tai-yen died on April 22 at his residence at 14-16 Tai Po Road on April 22 at a long illness.

He is survived by three sons and a daughter, one of whom arrived from England on Monday to visit him on his sick bed. The ceremony, which took place at 10 a.m. at the cemetery at noon, was accompanied by many friends and relatives of the family.

Chief mourners were the sons and daughter.

Personalia

Deaths from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Shul-Ha, Mrs. M. C. Wilhemy, Mrs. C. Speicher, Messrs. J. P. Ingalls, H. Morgado, K.K. McLennan, A. L. Jacoby, J. G. Jones, T. N. MacFarlane, H. P. Brown, C. A. Filligame and C. H. Tucker.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Chang, Mrs. L. Sydes, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gout, Messrs. I. S. Fossell, J. P. Duke, A. E. Hughes, J. P. Ho, H. Thorley, E. W. Wolf, P. Klein, J. MacDougall, H. M. Vevy and Colonel H. Seagrave.

Dr. Peter S.T. Shih will address the Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong at the Road Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, on Thursday at 12.45. His subject will be "The Origin of the word China".

Ronald Chen, of Hong Kong, has been included in the Dean's Honour List for the mid-semester, 1949-50, at the University of Michigan.

Mr. William Adrian Date, Chief Secretary, Windward Islands, has been appointed to be Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of the Windward and Leeward Islands. He was born in July, 1908, in Grenada, Windward Islands, and educated at Grenada Boys' School and Lodge School, Barbados. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1930, and was in private practice in Grenada and St. Vincent before being appointed as a Magistrate, Sub-collector and District Officer for St. Lucia in 1932. He was promoted to be Crown Attorney, St. Vincent, in 1939, and transferred to Jamaica as Legal Draftsman in 1944. He took up his present post in 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. M. Elliot and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Creighton left Hong Kong on a round trip to Bangkok yesterday by the ss. Antioch.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Holiday and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Murray left for Singapore yesterday by the ss. Antioch.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. C. Colman, Captain D. M. McAdam and Mr. L. Beavick left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom yesterday by the ss. Antioch.

Arrivals from Bangkok yesterday by CPA included Messrs. F. J. Boatwright, T. Simmons, Y. C. Chen, M. Sams, K. L. Chen, H. Nellman, F. V. Kell, B. L. Perry, S. Eljara and S. M. Bradshaw.

Mr. E. Linates, Panamanian Consul at Hong Kong, is expected to arrive here on May 3 by the ss. President Wilson.

Mrs. Margaret G. Meyers, wife of Mr. Meyers, United States Vice-Consul at Hong Kong, is due to join her husband on May 3. She will arrive here by the ss. President Wilson.

Among the other passengers who will disembark here by the ss. President Wilson on May 3 will be Miss Kathleen E. M. and Mrs. Tan Kong-hoon, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dicks and two daughters, Mrs. Alexander Haarmann, Mrs. Mary Rodeth, Miss Lillian Chow, Mrs. Dorothy Cox and son, Miss Margaret T. Hsu, and Miss Eleanor Sanford.

Among the prominent cruise passengers on board the ss. President Wilson, due here on May 3, are Mr. E. W. Harris, President of Ames-Harris and Neville Co., San Francisco; accompanied by Mrs. Harris; Mr. Leo P. Breymann, General Passenger Agent, American President Lines, Chicago, accompanied by Mrs. Breymann; Mr. D. W. Beat, Assistant District Passenger Agent, American President Lines, San Francisco; Mr. E. J. Gilpin, Partner of Rod and Priest, prominent New York attorney, accompanied by Mrs. Gilpin; Mr. D. T. Buckley, former Secretary and Comptroller of American President Lines, with headquarters at San Francisco, accompanied by Mrs. Buckley; Mr. Elizabeth, General of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Viola G. Burns of Los Angeles, Calif.

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Correspondence

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PUBLIC AMENITIES FOR HONG KONG

Sir,—The suggestion has recently been made that the time has come for the formation of a committee to draw from all organizations devoted to the service of the public, for the purpose of deciding the priorities to be accorded the numerous amenities from lack of which the Colony now suffers, and to endeavour by all means possible to assure that one or more of these amenities receives consideration in each succeeding Budget. The suggestion is an excellent one, and it is to be hoped that if the desire of the Reform Club for an interview with the Secretary of State for the Colonies during his impending visit is granted, its representatives will spare no effort to impress upon Mr. Creith the need for such a Committee, or, better still, a Budgeting Committee which, free from official domination, would be charged with the task of investigating and deciding the justice of the demands made by the various public amenities. The public might thus be assured that the Budget has been prepared with due regard for such amenities, and would not be so affected. Such a Committee might, moreover, ensure that the Budget did, in fact, obviate the necessity of the milking of the public of odd millions throughout the year by the introduction of "Supplementary Estimates." The public might thus be enabled to obtain a clear picture of what our Government does—a picture which it is impossible to obtain under the present system.

A correspondent has declared that the publication of letters of complaint is without value, and that "appeals" instead of being addressed to those who can afford to make charities their hobby. This view is, to say the least, of it somewhat revolutionary, and savours of Robin Hood's brand of distribution of wealth, but, Robin Hood having been dead for some time, it is not necessary to make Hong Kong a worthy member of the British Commonwealth, from charity, is an idealist's dream. Nothing worth-while can be accomplished without the whole-hearted support of the Government, and, at present, we have to arrive here on May 3 by the ss. President Wilson.

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Another potential source of additional revenue concerns the various utility companies which operate under the shield of a franchise and, therefore, without the risk attendant upon competitive enterprise. If, and in making this statement we are open to correction, these monopolistic concerns are called upon to pay only the same income tax as companies operating in open, and very keen, competition with others, then it would seem equitable that consideration be given to the question of an increase of even 100 per cent. in the tax which monopolies now pay. Companies which have made money in the past three years by the utility companies against these "bills" by competitive business houses will support the justice of this contention. Another question which springs to mind in this connection is are all these monopolies really locally registered in the Colony or are any of them U.K. registered concerns paying tax through their Head Offices in England or profits derived from the Colony? Similarly, what income, if any, accrues to the Colonies if a firm paid by through their Head Offices in the United Kingdom? Perhaps the Commissioner of Inland Revenue will be good enough to answer these questions through the P.P.O.

As we have said, the demand which assails the mind of any tax-payer is that instead of being utilized for the good of the community, the sums so raised will be diverted to 60 meet the "expended" of the service, e.g. pensions for our obedient servants. At the public mind is assured that the additional income would be utilized for the good of the community, the sums so raised will be diverted to 60 meet the "expended" of the service, e.g. pensions for our obedient servants. At the public mind is assured that the additional income would be utilized for the good of the community, the sums so raised will be diverted to 60 meet the "expended" of the service, e.g. pensions for our obedient servants.

There has recently been a good deal of debate as to which of the following is the most desirable: (1) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (2) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (3) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (4) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (5) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (6) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (7) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (8) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (9) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (10) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (11) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (12) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, (13) a 100 per cent. increase in the tax on the income of the public, 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Hong Kong manufacturers urged to expand markets

Murderer hanged at Stanley

Chong Yin was hanged at 7 a.m. yesterday morning at Stanley Prison for the murder of a woman in the New Territories.

Mr. J. Reynolds sat as coroner later in the day and held an inquest into his death. Mr. Reynolds was assisted by a jury of two men and a woman.

Deceased, whose age was given as 25, was sentenced to death on March 3 at Supreme Court.

The hanging was witnessed by Dr. C. O. Lee, Medical Officer and Mr. J. McCutcheon, Chief Officer of Stanley Prison.

A verdict of death by judicial hanging was returned by the jury.

Reminders

Today

HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free).

Nine Dragons Services Club, Mah-jong, 2.30 p.m.; dancing class, 6 p.m.; Film Show, 8 p.m.

HK Stage Club casting meeting at PRO lecture room, 8.30 p.m.

HK Mines Ltd., annual general meeting, Prince's Bldg., 12 noon.

Tue. 11 meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Cheers Services Club, dancing class, 9 p.m.

Sino British Club Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral, hall, 6.15 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

HK International Women's Club, informal dance for Services, 7.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free).

European YMCA Guest Night, 7.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, HK Band Call, 8 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club, luncheon meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Homuntin thief gets two years

Sentence of two years' hard labour was meted out to Chung Fuk, 30-year-old unemployed, by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for a series of thefts committed in the Homuntin District this month.

Defendant, who faced five charges of larceny and house breaking, was alleged to have stolen two toy cars and two plastic ash trays from a car belonging to Mr. Beer outside the Homuntin Cherry Hill Lodge on April 10.

On April 13 defendant stole a perambulator belonging to Mrs. Fraser from 21, Homuntin Hill Road.

On April 6 defendant stole from the ground floor of 89 Kadoorie Avenue four bronze Buddhist figurines, valued at \$400.

On April 8 defendant stole from the kitchen of the Tai Ming School, Argyle Street, clothing and shoes.

On April 16 defendant stole \$150 from the pocket of a jacket hanging inside house No. 19 Homuntin Street.

Detective Sub-Inspector Chan Wai-man, who asked that a serious view be taken of the case, said that defendant was found inside a car in the Cherry Hill Lodge at 4.45 a.m. on April 18.

All stolen property recovered from pawnshops was ordered to be returned to complainants without payment to the pawnbrokers.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Six Race Meeting — 29th April, 1950

It has been decided to split into two sections by a draw Race No. 4 "Mount Nicholson Stakes" for horses of previous seasons (Classified Class 3). The second section will be Race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

THERE WILL BE NO CASH SWEET ON THIS RACE

By Order

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POLICE NOTICE

On Monday, April 17, 1950, at 8.30 a.m., at Lai Chi Kok Beach Road, near Hong Kong and Kowloon Godown Co. and premises, lorry No. 8201 collided with a lamp standard as a result of which a Chinese female fell from the rear of the vehicle and received fatal injuries.

Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon, Telephone Numbers 50735, 58629 and 59114, or with any other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

April 20, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

On Tuesday, April 18, 1950, at 4.25 p.m., at junction of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road, a Chinese male was knocked down by private car No. H.K.989, and received fatal injuries.

Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon, Telephone Numbers 50735, 58629 and 59114, or with any other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

April 20, 1950.

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 6 OF 1950

FOR INFORMATION OF SHIP OPERATORS AND CHARTERERS.

It is hereby notified that Saturday and Sunday, April 22/23, 1950 have been declared Weather-non-working days.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Marine Office, Hong Kong, April 24, 1950.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The undersigned has received instructions from the Head Bailiff, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction.

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NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Edwin Donald Stanfield late of The Apartments 42 St. Joan's Apartments 78 Macdonnell Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, P.W.D. Crown Land Officer, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 85 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 15th day of May 1950.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 18th day of April, 1950.

WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Administrator of the Estate of the abovesaid deceased, No. 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF XAVIER BROTHERS LIMITED.

And

IN THE MATTER OF Section 9 of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947.

NOTICE is hereby given that Xavier Brothers Limited has lost its Memorandum of Association and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum under the provisions of section 9 of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947. The proposed new memorandum may be inspected at any time during office hours at the Company's registered office No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.

Persons having any objections to the proposed new memorandum must within two months from the 24th day of April, 1950 file with the Registrar of Companies a notice in writing stating briefly the nature of their objections and giving an address within the Colony for service of any process or notice.

M. A. da SILVA, Solicitor for Xavier Brothers Limited.

NOTICE

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on Wednesday the 17th May, 1950, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Consulting Committee together with a Statement of Account for the year ended 31st December 1949, electing Members of the Consulting Committee and appointing Auditors.

The Register of Members and Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd May to the 17th May, 1950, both days inclusive.

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN SUFFERING CHILDREN

DR. P. L. TONG, Chairman, Chinese Children's Society, THE HONGKONG SOCIETY, 11, LE FEE ROAD, HONG KONG.

Action for possession of school

Hearing is continuing of the Supreme Court action for possession of the Shun Sau Girls' Middle School, of 61 Caine Road, before Mr. E. H. Williams, Acting Chief Justice.

Plaintiff in the dispute is Pun Lan-shi, widow, residing at 61 Caine Road. She is represented by Mr. John McNeill, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Fung Sau-ching, defendant, of 83 Bonham Stand East, is represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, on the instructions of Mr. A. el Arculli.

The widow claims she is the proprietress of the school, and has been the tenant of the premises at all material times. In 1946, she granted the defendant a licence to operate the school which, she alleges, expired in 1949.

Plaintiff contends therefore that defendant has wrongfully continued to occupy the premises contrary to agreement. She is asking for possession of the whole property, an injunction restraining the defendant from continuing to operate the school, another injunction restraining the defendant from using the present school name for the purpose of operating any school in the Colony, an account of the profits, damages, costs and other relief.

The defendant in defence contends that she is the legal tenant of the premises, and not merely a licensee as alleged. Evidence on behalf of the defence as to the paying of rent by the defendant as tenant was given yesterday, after which hearing was adjourned until this morning.

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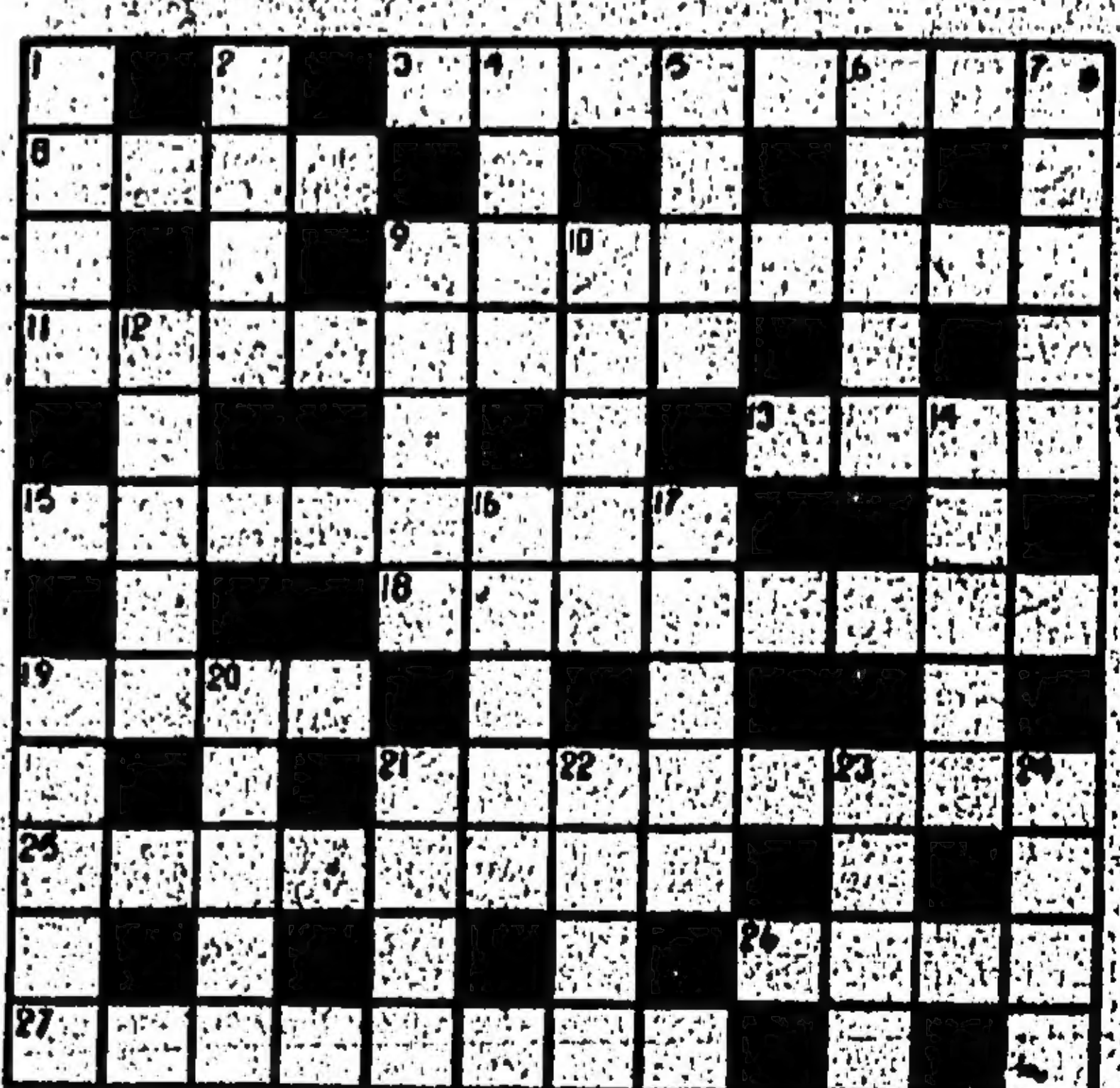
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Tomorrow's Problem
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H K 3
D A K J 10 7 4
C K 9
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H Q J 9
D 8 3
C J 8 6 3
S Q J 8 4 3
H 10 7
D Q 9 8
C A 7 5
(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable.)
After normal bidding, why are conditions ideal for West to lead his singleton diamond against South's 4-Spades?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



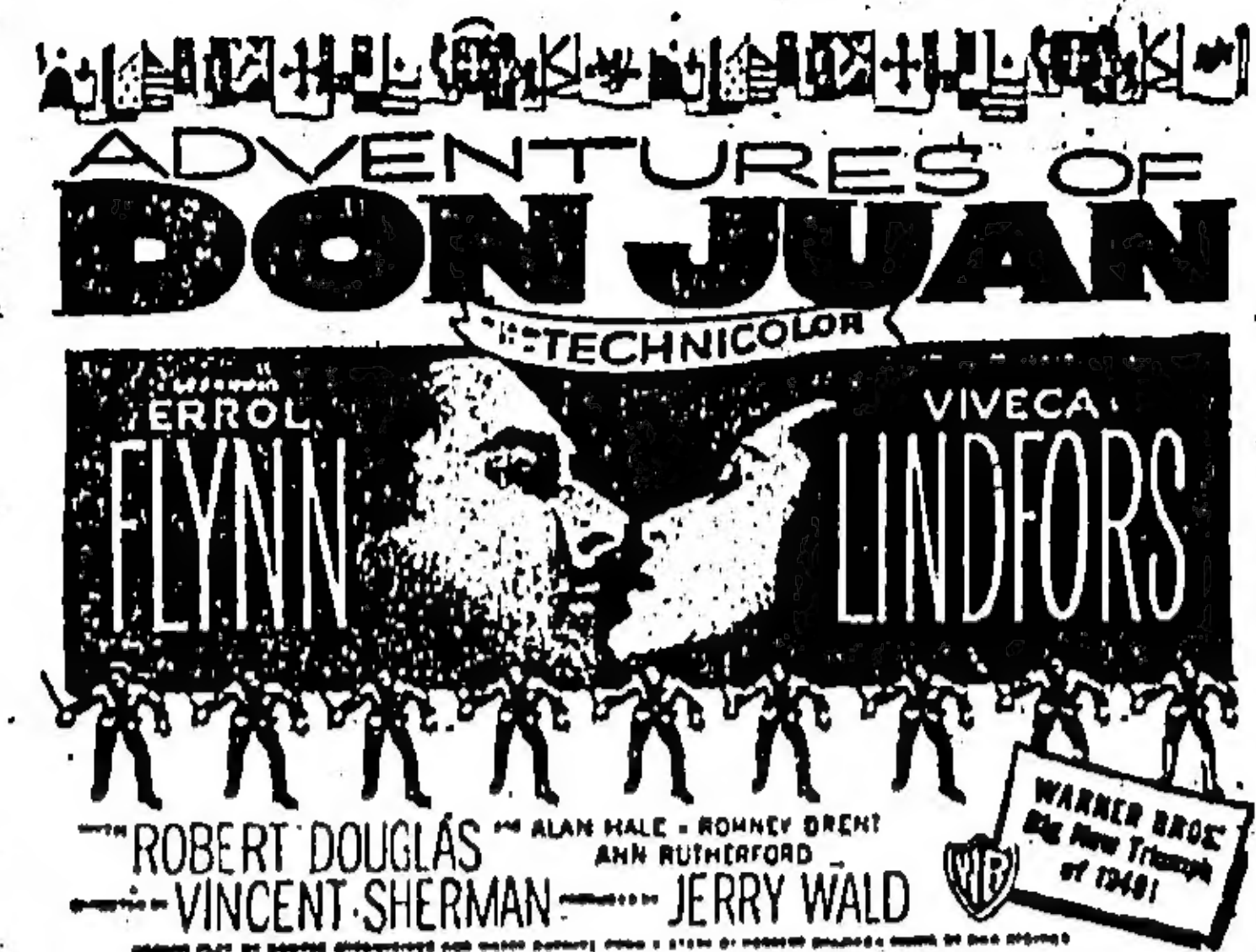
Across
3 Cook's boy. 16 Revising. 18 Revising. 19 Repair. 20 Rousing. 21 Rousing. 22 Anthologist. 23 Anthologist. 24 Anthologist. 25 Anthologist. 26 Anthologist. 27 Anthologist.
Down
1 Humane. 2 Stronghold. 3 Brief. 4 Deposited. 5 Fool. 6 Necropolis. 7 Beant. 8 Compact. 9 Best part. 10 Canceled.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across—1 Remus. 4 Urgent. 5 Asterisk. 8 Tabor. 9 Shelves. 11 Nudging. 14 Bedside. 15 Budge. 18 Range. 20 Nodder. 22 Bury. 23 Drive.
Down—1 Excess. 2 Deal. 3 Shoveled. 4 Unkind. 5 Glimmer. 6 Baring. 10 Exhaustion. 12 Breeze. 14 Cane. 16 Cane. 17 Cane. 18 Cane. 19 Cane. 20 Cane. 21 Cane. 22 Cane. 23 Cane.

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DIFFICULTIES IN CHINA DUE TO THE N'LIST BLOCKADE

London, April 24.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Ernest Davies, contended in Parliament today that British recognition of Communist China is not a factor in the serious difficulties being met by commercial and industrial interests in Shanghai.

These difficulties are in part due to the Nationalist blockade and the effects of the deflationary measures of the Central People's Government.

REPLY TO RUSSIAN PROTEST

London, April 24.
Britain, France and the United States are swapping ideas on replying to last week's Russian protest note which demanded withdrawal of troops from the divided Trieste territory, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

A reply will probably be sent but the spokesman declined to speculate whether it will be sent separately by the three Governments or as a joint reply.

The note asked withdrawal of U. S., British and Yugoslav troops, also called for uniting the divided area and appointment of a United Nations Governor.

Russia and the Western nations so far have failed to agree in United Nations Security Council sessions on a governor.

Total troops in the territory are 15,000, of which one third are Yugoslav troops in the smaller Southern zone of the territory. The rest are divided equally between Britain and the United States. They share occupation of the Anglo-American zone.—Associated Press.

CORONATION IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, April 24.
King Phumphon Adulyadej's coronation ceremony on May 5 will be closed to newspaper reporters and photographers.

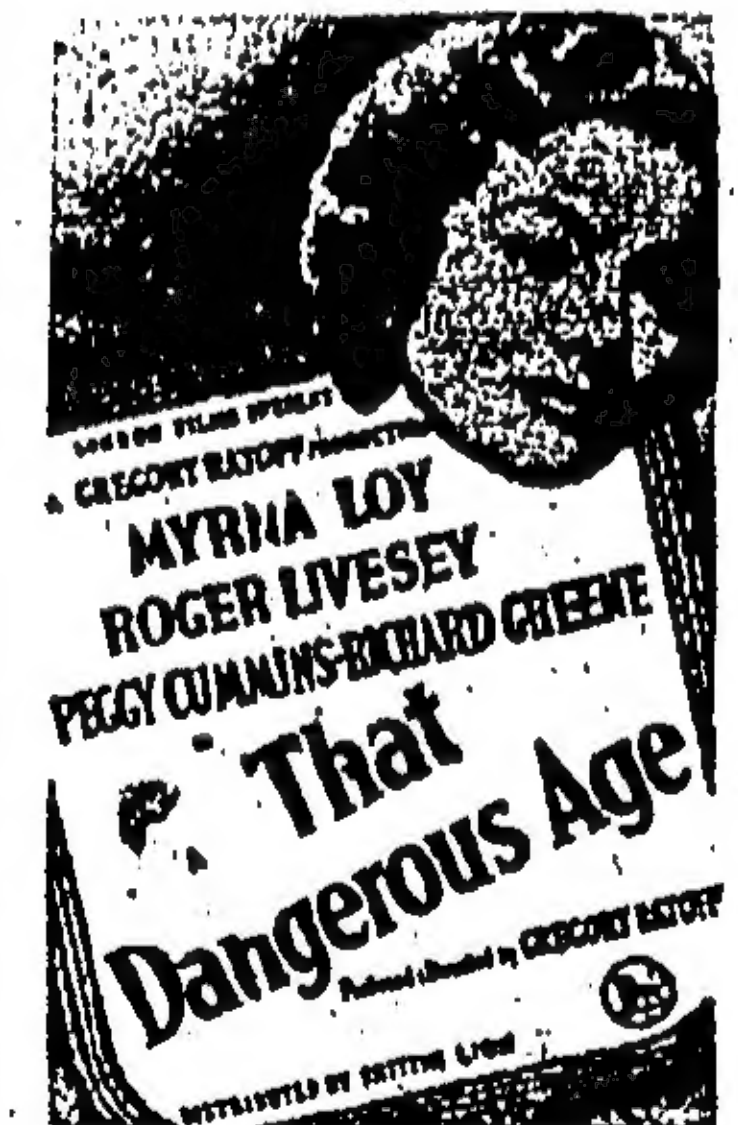
The King's official photographer will take pictures and submit the undeveloped films to the King.

An announcement explained that there is not room enough for all photographers asking permission to cover the ceremony and the admittance of a few would be considered unfair to the rest, so all will be barred. High Government officials will also be prevented from using cameras at the ceremony.—United Press.

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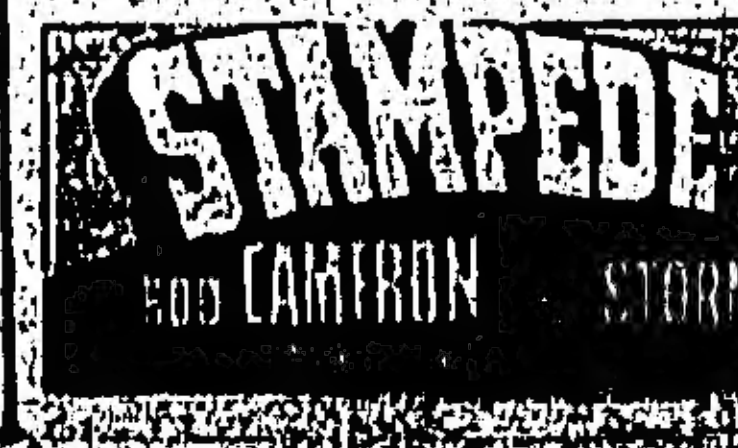
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Sharks by the thousands

Darwin, April 24.

Sailors on a tug kept up a rapid fire into the water off Vanderlin Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, to clear a passage through thousands of sharks.

The tug's visit to the island was the first by white men in 27 years. The visit was made by Lieutenant John Toulouse and 14 naval reserve men.

Thousands of sharks alighted around the ship's boat when it was put over the side. They followed the boat ashore and swarmed around it when it grounded.

Riflemen had to maintain rapid fire to clear a path through the sharks so a line could be taken ashore.

At another island, the sailors aided natives in an attempt to kill a huge crocodile which had dragged a fully grown horse several hundred yards out to sea. The horse escaped but later died.

Missionaries said the crocodile had taken another horse and several cattle. The sailors failed to trap the crocodile.—Associated Press.

RULING AGAINST ALIEN LAND LAW

Los Angeles, April 24.

The State District Court of Appeal ruled today that California's alien land law is not enforceable because it conflicts with the United Nations Charter.

The land law prohibits aliens of certain nationalities from owning land in California.

Previously, the law has been held constitutional under both State and United States constitutions. However, the District Court of Appeal, ruling on the suit of a Japanese national, declared that the United Nations Charter is a treaty between the U.S. and other nations and that the Federal Constitution provides that all treaties take precedence over State laws.—Associated Press.

TUNNEL TRAGEDY

Kimball, West Virginia, April 24.

A small motor flat car, carrying six railroad workmen, smashed head-on with a passenger train in a tunnel here today, killing five and injuring one.

The train had been switched from the regular East-bound track to an alternate line while the regular track was under repair.—United Press.

"U.S. will not allow war"

Lake Success, April 24.
Ambassador Warren Austin today pledged that the United States will not allow another war to occur and will maintain peace, because nobody will dare to start war.

The permanent American representative to the United Nations made the pledge at a Press conference on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the founding of the world organization at San Francisco.

He said, "The United States will not allow war to occur and she will maintain peace because nobody will dare to start one. Never in our history have you seen a world as co-operative for peace as it is today. The movements of arms from us to Europe are the first of their kind in history. Do you suppose we would have had the other two wars had such preparations for defence been made in advance?"—United Press.

Singapore remittances to Red China

Singapore, April 25.

Chinese in Singapore and Malaya remitted more than \$3,100,000 to their families in Communist China during the first quarter of the year following a resumption of communications.

Remittances, sent in the "club packet" service, are forwarded at the sender's risk to Hong Kong remittance firms who deliver them through agents operating in Red China.

Remittance men here say the risk involved and the limit of \$45 per month for each person will keep the total sum remitted low. In 1948 local Chinese sent \$310,000,000 to Canton and Amoy, hometowns of most overseas Chinese.—Associated Press.

NEW POST FOR SOVIET ENVOY

London, April 24.

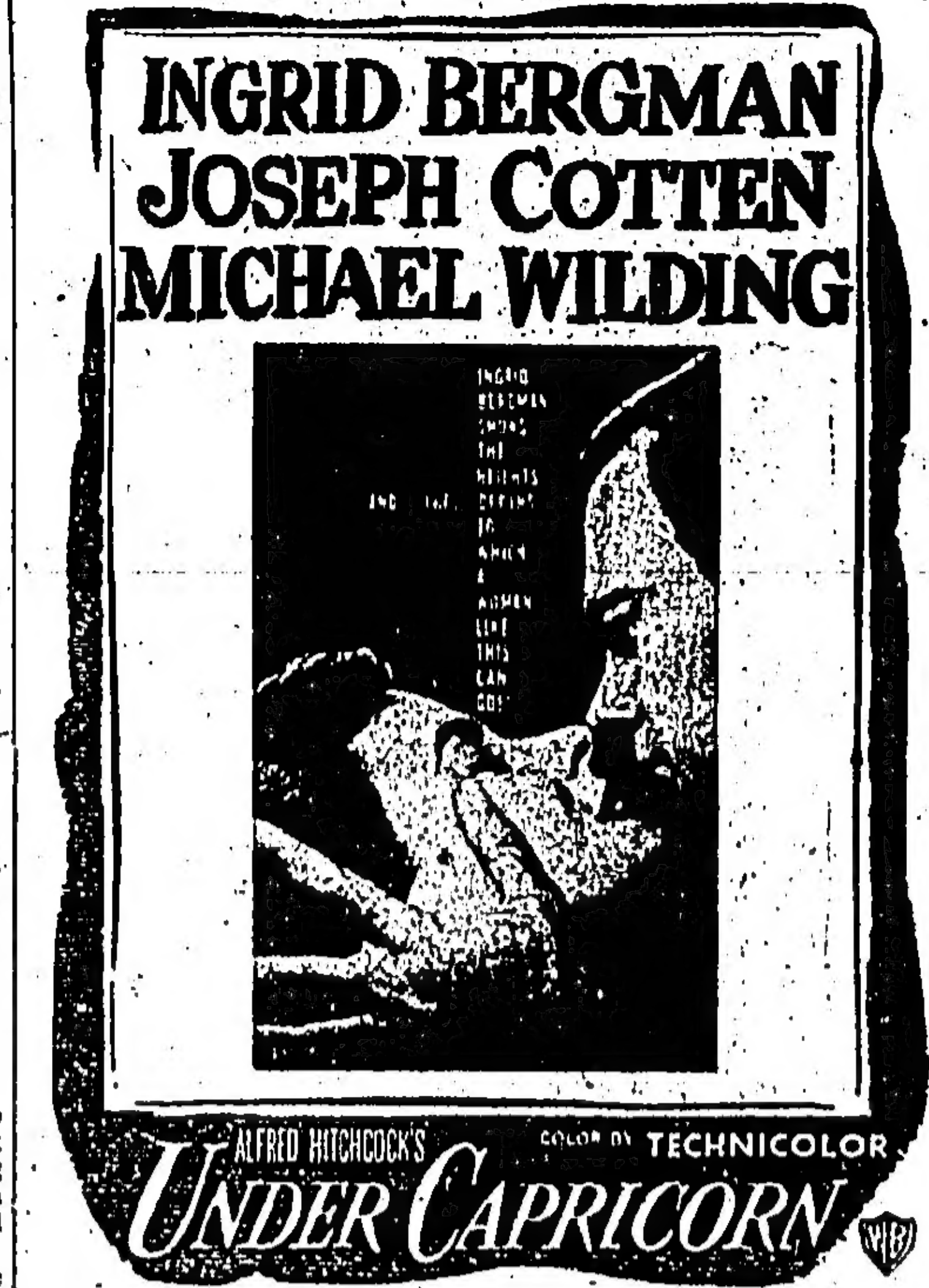
The official Soviet news agency, "Tass," announced that M. Alexander Egorovitch Bogomolov, Soviet Ambassador to France since 1945, has been removed from his post and appointed a Deputy Foreign Minister.

M. Pavlov, the present Soviet Ambassador to Belgium and the Luxembourg, has been appointed as Ambassador to France.—Reuter.

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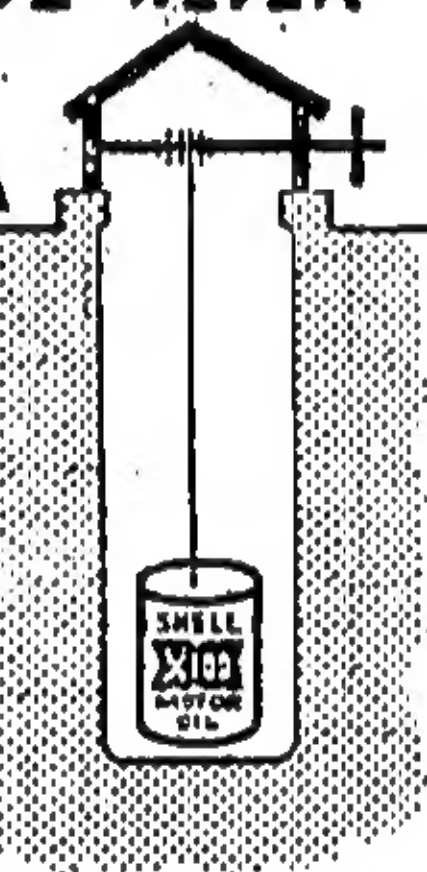
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BRITAIN AND AMERICA OPPOSE A DIRECT APPROACH TO RUSSIA

London, April 24.
The United States will oppose any move to reopen direct negotiations for a four-power settlement of differences between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers during the tripartite meeting here of the Foreign Ministers.

The preparatory stage opened today with exchanges between the experts of the three Western Powers.

COMMUNIST RIOTS IN ANTWERP

Antwerp, April 24.
Two hundred Communists twice fought through police cordons today to prevent foremen from signing on 2,000 dockers needed to work a night shift in the port.

The clashes followed reports that a shipment of Atlantic Pact arms from the United States was expected.

The foremen eventually gave up the attempt to sign dockers, but according to American sources in Brussels no vessel carrying American arms to Belgium has yet left the United States.

The windows of the signing office were smashed in the scuffles and two policemen and one Communist were injured.

M. Fraix Van Den Branden, Communist Member of the Belgian Chamber of Deputies, began calling on the dockers to strike in protest against "employers' threat to stop the guaranteed cost of living allowance."

M. Van Den Branden then drove to the Antwerp Headquarters of the Belgian Catholic Transport Workers Union.

With followers he broke through a cordon of about 30 police and asked Catholic union officials to order their members to join in a general strike in the port tomorrow.

Later they approached Socialist union officials with the same request.

The International Transport Workers Federation, whose headquarters are in London, today denounced as criminal the Communist attempt to hold up the unloading of an arms ship in Antwerp this morning.

In a statement the Federation declared that the Communists resorted to brute force as they knew they could not hope to persuade the great majority of the workers to stop work.

It added: "The Communists thugs will not prevent the dockers from continuing to go their duty."

—Reuters

This is the conclusion drawn by observers here from Mr. Dean Acheson's address last Saturday to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, of which the full text was made available today in London.

Mr. Acheson, after reminding his audience that the machinery of negotiation with Russia already exists in the United Nations, went on to reject the possibility of any approach to negotiations unless the idea of aggression, including propaganda warfare and secret undermining from within, is done away with.

He concludes that only in this free world becomes stronger will the possibility of an agreement with the Kremlin become easier.

The question of a renewed attempt to find a working agreement with Moscow will, it is believed, be examined during the Acheson-Schuman talks in London next month under a general heading of relations between the Western Powers and the Communist bloc.

Deadlock over China
British officials and commentators here see little prospect of a useful approach at this stage and the British delegation is expected to support Mr. Acheson's argument that a strengthening of the Western camp is an essential preliminary to a better understanding with Russia.

When the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, visits London next Thursday, he will certainly be told the British views on ways of solving the Security Council deadlock over China's representation, which has resulted in the virtual withdrawal of Russia and her satellites from the United Nations.

Another strong pointer to the line which the United States will take in the tripartite talks is seen in the passages of Mr. Acheson's address dealing with the need for increasingly vigorous public action by the Western Powers to counteract the Communist "peace offensive."

This will, it is thought, be considered in connection with proposals for a close co-ordination of policy between the Big Three and probably also in the Council meeting of the 12 North Atlantic Treaty powers.

Warming up the cold war
The idea which emerges from Mr. Acheson's remarks is that a Communist world peace offensive against the non-Communist world should be met by an equally positive effort by the non-Communist powers to inform world opinion of their ideals and objectives and not merely to tell them why they oppose the ideas propagated by Moscow and the Cominform.

If this suggestion is adopted it appears inevitable that an intensification of the cold war in the propaganda and information fields will reach a new pitch of intensity.

Both sides will be attempting simultaneously to convince world opinion that their prescription for peace offers the only alternative to an eventual armed conflict between the Powers.—Reuters

MORE SNAGS ON LEOPOLD

Brussels, April 24.
Following a meeting of their National Executive the Belgian Social Christians (Catholic) declared that they will not support any Government whose programme obliges King Leopold to leave the country after he has temporarily transferred his prerogative to his son and heir, Prince Baudouin.

The Catholics, the country's strongest party and the only one wholly supporting King Leopold, said that they are opposed to him making any further concessions.

The Executive of the Belgian Socialist Party also met today in a joint session with the Executive of the Socialist unions and other affiliated organisations.

A communique issued after the meeting stated that a solution of appeasement to the Royal question is only possible in complete clarity and on condition that before any undertaking is entered into concrete guarantees give the anti-Leopold Opposition the absolute certainty that their rights will always be respected.—Reuters

MacDONALD IN RANGOON

Rangoon, April 24.
Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for South East Asia, arrived here tonight from Singapore for a four-day visit.—Reuters

New Guinea split

Suva, Fiji Islands, April 24.
Dutch New Guinea is split between sections of the population who wish to remain under Dutch rule and those who would like the country to be administered by the United States of Indonesia, according to two New Guinea delegates to the South Pacific conference here.

Nicolaas Jouwe and Markus Kalsbeek, who made this statement at a Press conference, assured correspondents that they spoke for the majority of their fellow countrymen.

More than 50 delegates and advisers, mostly from indigenous people, are represented at the conference from New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, the New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Amuru, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, the Cook Islands, Samoa, and Thaili, together with representatives of Fiji.

They will discuss the work of the South Pacific Commission.

Mr. Jouwe said that the Indonesians, through their well organised Indonesia-Dutch New Guinea Friendship League (Pusat Kemerdekaan Indonesia Irian) are making desperate efforts to spread propaganda among the inhabitants which would influence them to agitate against Dutch rule.

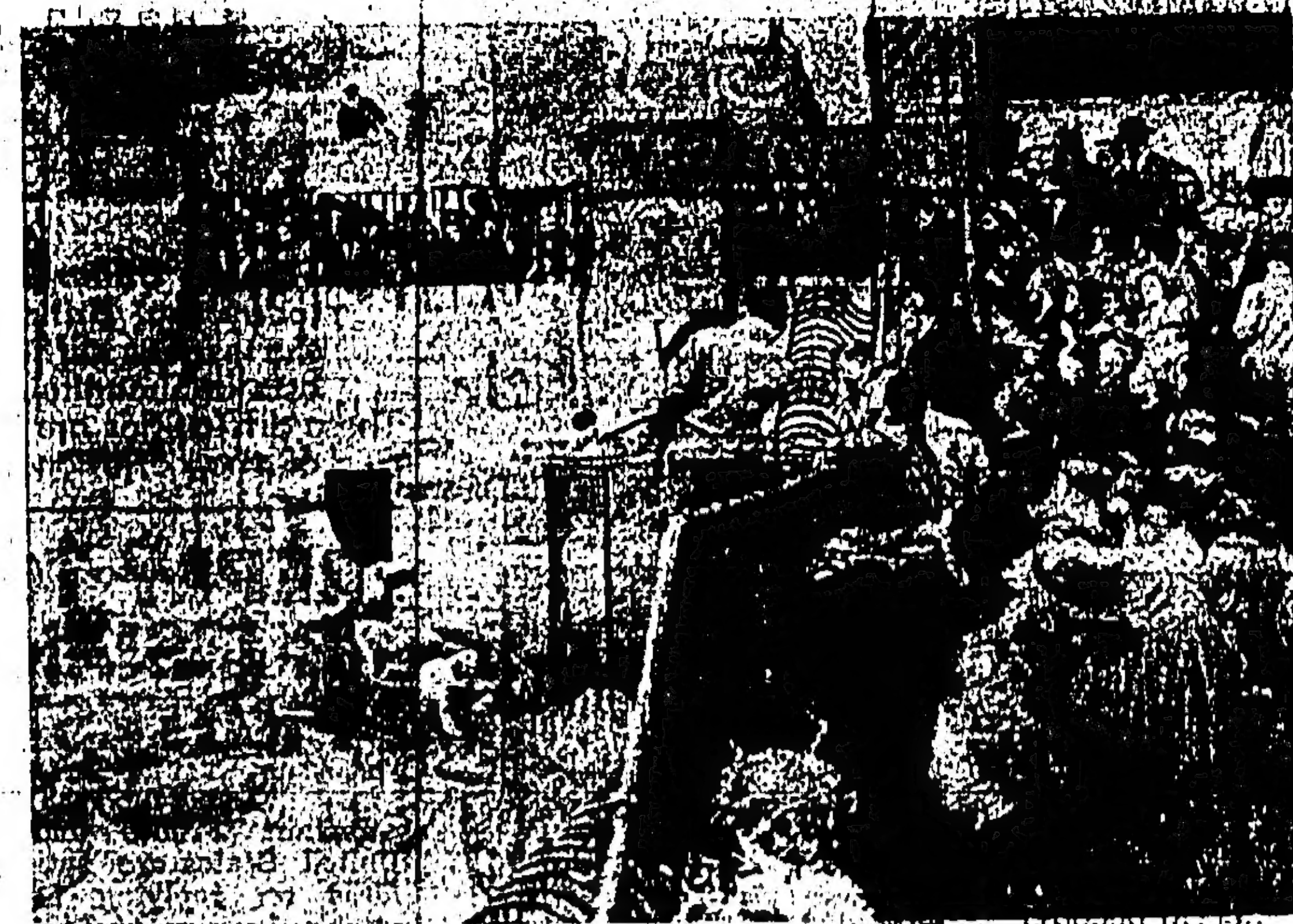
The question who would be their future rulers was more important to Dutch New Guinea inhabitants than purely domestic matters such as education and improvement of living standards.

The majority of his people feel that they are linked closely with Papua and the islands of the Pacific and have nothing in common with the people of the crowded Indies.

Mr. Jouwe said, "We want the Dutch to stay on with us. We think we have a better chance with them of moving steadily towards a state of self-government than under the control of Indonesia which has already shown a lot of instability."

He also said that there was a deep-rooted dislike of the Indonesians, owing to the fact that for years they had come into Dutch New Guinea and taken jobs as clerks and minor officials, giving the locals no chance to improve their prospects.—Reuters

Brumas on television



London Zoo's baby Polar bear "Brumas" is seen here with her mother "Ivy" in television entertainment (centre) focus on the bear for a television broadcast. At right a large crowd watch further Ivy as she catches piece after piece of horse meat. Brumas, who had not then developed an appetite for raw meat, rambled away from the camera at first, but later gave a full five minute performance as a cub who had discovered "its mother." She continues as the Zoo's "feeding" lady. (Associated Press Photo).

RED CHINA BIG BUYER OF COTTON FROM U.S.

Washington, April 24.
China under the Communists is providing a better cash paying market for American cotton than she did under the Nationalist Government. Government reports show that Communist China has been buying only slightly less American cotton this marketing year than Nationalist China purchased in the previous one.

Furthermore, the Communists are paying the full price for all of it.

Almost all cotton shipped to Nationalist China during the previous season was paid for by the American taxpayer through foreign aid programmes, according to agriculture figures.

Among the cash paying nations, officials said, Communist China and Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia rank second and third, respectively, in total purchases of American cotton this marketing season. Canada was first.

The officials define the cash paying country as one that receives no foreign aid funds for the purchase of American cotton. At present more than 80 per cent of all American cotton exports, which total is better than 5,000,000 bales a year, is being paid for with foreign aid funds.

The heavy spend for the buying of American cotton by the Chinese Communists occurred in February. During that month China and Hong Kong imported as much American cotton as they took during all of the previous six months.

Desperate need
This increased their take for a seven-month period to 115,000 bales. That was a drop of only 12,000 bales from imports during the same period last year when the Nationalists controlled big cotton mills in Shanghai and other coastal cities.

Although Hong Kong is under British rule, officials here believe that most of the cotton going to Hong Kong is being sold or bartered to the Chinese Communists by British merchants.

The Chinese Communists are desperately short of cotton. They need it to keep big coastal mills going at least part time to hold down labour unrest. Cotton mill accounts for about half of all of China's manufactures.

Dollar shortage
One official said, "The Chinese Communists would like to triple their buying of American cotton but they cannot. They have got no dollars or saleable goods from which to earn dollars."

Officials here do not expect China's cotton buying boom to continue. They think the Communists are running short of "hidden dollars" that they forced mill operators to scrape up for cotton buying. The Nationalists blockade has made it difficult for the Chinese Communists to export goods to earn dollars.—United Press

More talks on Austria
Washington, April 24.
The State Department announced today that the deputies of the Foreign Ministers will renew their negotiations in London on the Austrian peace treaty in the near future.

The State Department is reviewing the negotiations in the hope that measures might be taken to expedite the conclusion of the peace treaty.

The deadlock between the Great Powers since the end of the war has kept Austria under military occupation for five years. The recent postponement in the negotiations had been made necessary by the insistence of the Soviet Union that it required more time to study its claims against Austria for reparation and services provided in the early days of the occupation. The State Department said.—Reuters

False teeth vital clue
Great Neck, New York, April 24.
A pair of false teeth, found in the radiator grill of his car, led to the arrest of Arthur Fogel, aged 39, today.

Police believe the teeth belonged to Mrs. Mary Brown, aged 31, who was killed by a hit-and-run driver on Sunday night.—United Press

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TRUMAN ON DANGER OF ATTACK ON U.S.

Washington, April 24.

President Truman said tonight that there is the real danger that Russia might make an ultimate attack on the United States. There was little danger from the noisy but small Red minority in the United States. He added that, to guard against danger from Communist imperialism abroad, the United States is keeping its military forces strong and alert and giving meaning and strength to its joint defence arrangements with other countries.

The President called Communism a tyrannical force which crushes the minds and bodies of those under its control and seeks to enlarge itself by aggression and by false promises of freedom and economic security.

In a speech before the Federal Bar Association, the President also said: "Against this tyrannical force which we know as Communism, the United States stands a great champion of freedom. Against this force the United States has developed and put into effect a positive programme to strengthen freedom and democracy.

"Our programme is shaped to strengthen the United States and to help other free nations protect themselves against aggression and subversion."

President Truman's speech was in effect an answer to some Senators and others who had accused the State Department of permitting Communists and other subversives to operate within its walls.

"There are proportionately fewer Communists in this country than in any other large country on earth," he asserted. "They are noisy and they are troublesome, but they are not a major threat."

The United States was combating Communism here and elsewhere by raising the standards of living and improving military defences. Communism could be successfully resisted without adopting its own methods of abolishing the liberties of men.

No controls

"We are not going to try to control what our people read and say and think," declared Mr. Truman. "We are not going to turn the United States into a Right Wing totalitarian country in order to deal with a Left Wing totalitarian threat. In short, we are not going to end democracy."

A large part of the President's speech told how he had administered laws to assure loyalty in Government departments. This was intended to refute charges of Congressmen about laxity within the Government itself, charges such as Senator Joseph McCarthy has brought.

"Our concept of justice represents the basic difference between our system of government and that of totalitarian states," said the President. "Justice is the foundation of true democracy. Our system of justice preserves the freedom and dignity of the individual and his right to work, speak and as he feels and to worship, as he believes in his rights, even against his own government. It makes certain that his assertion of those rights will be fairly considered and justly decided."

"But there is in the world today a tyrannical force which does not recognise justice as we know it. It is a force which crushes the minds and bodies of those under its control and seeks to enlarge itself by aggression and by false promises of freedom and economic security."

"Wherever this force extends, there is no freedom of speech, no freedom of religion, no freedom of opinion. The State is the all-powerful arbiter of men's words and acts. Human dignity and human freedom are meaningless."

Freedom's champion

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and to help other free nations protect themselves against aggression and subversion."

"Since the end of the war, we have taken far-reaching steps, unprecedented in the history of the world, to help other free nations rebuild from the destruction of war and strengthen their democratic institutions. Our programmes of foreign aid have made it possible for these free nations to resist Communist aggression. The Greek-Turkish aid programme, the Marshall Plan, the North Atlantic treaty, the Military Assistance Programme and our support of the United Nations are major elements in our central policy to work for a peaceful, prosperous world."

"We have taken the leadership in aiding under-developed areas and in reducing trade barriers between nations. We are keeping our military forces strong and alert and we are giving meaning and strength to our joint defence arrangements with other countries."

"We have done all this because it represents enlightened self-interest. We know the greatest threat to us does not come from the Communists in this country, where they are a noisy but small universal threat comes from Communist imperialism abroad, where the centre of its military and economic strength lies."

"The real danger is that Communism might overrun other free nations and thus strengthen itself for an ultimate attack against us. But although Communism is not a major force in this country, we are taking no chances on its becoming strong here. On one hand we are working to create conditions in the United States in which Communism cannot possibly thrive. On the other, we are striking hard blows at Communist subversion wherever it is found."

Reform policy

"We are vigorously pressing domestic programmes to improve the standard of living of our people, assure equal opportunity for all, and to promote their health and education and their security and freedom. These programmes were not specifically designed as anti-Communist measures. We would have had them even if there were not a single Communist in the world."

"Nevertheless, these are among the strongest anti-Communist weapons—in our whole arsenal. Communism has little appeal for people who are healthy, well-educated, prosperous and free. Moreover, there are few things that will do more to prevent Communism from winning followers in other lands than demonstration by the United States that democracy truly means a better and freer life for everyone."

"A large part of the hue and cry about the loyalty programme has centred on my refusal to turn over to a Congressional committee confidential loyalty files concerning individual employees. The preservation of strictest confidence with respect to loyalty files is a most important element in operating a loyalty programme which provides effective security for the Government and justice for the individual employee. Disclosure of the files would not only destroy the whole loyalty programme but would seriously damage the future usefulness of the FBI."

"Our attack on Communism is embodied in a positive three-fold programme: (1) We are strengthening our own defences and

aiding free nations in other parts of the world so that we and they can effectively resist Communist aggression.

(2) We are working to improve our democracy so as to give further proof, both to our own citizens and to people in other parts of the world, that democracy is the best system of government that men have yet devised.

No Gestapo

(3) We are working quietly but effectively, without headlines or hysteria, against Communist subversion in this country wherever it appears and we are doing this within the framework of the democratic liberties we cherish."

"We are not going to transform our fine FBI into a Gestapo-like secret police. We are not going to try to control what our people read and say and think. We are not going to turn the United States into a Right Wing totalitarian country in order to deal with a Left Wing totalitarian threat. In short, we are not going to end democracy. We are going to keep the Bill of Rights on the books. We are going to keep those ancient, hard-earned liberties which you lawyers have done so much to preserve and protect. If we all work together to maintain and strengthen our democratic ideals, Communism will never be a serious threat to our American way of life. The example we set for free men everywhere will help to roll back the tide of Communist imperialism in other parts of the world."—United Press.

Royalty payments for jets

London, April 24.

A Government spokesman announced in the House of Commons today that Britain and the United States are discussing the question of American royalty payments for British jet engine designs and patents.

The question arose when a Conservative member asked what sum the U.S. had paid for the designs, placed at American disposal in 1945.

Mr. John Freeman, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply, said no payment had been made but asked the Opposition member not to press his question "as we are in negotiation with the U.S. Government and are hoping there will be a satisfactory outcome."

Air Commodore A. V. Harvey, who raised the question, said it was quite wrong that no payments had been made. He declared Britain recently paid £8,500,000 in royalties for an American textile spinning process.—Associated Press.

New tennis styles



Colonel Teddy Tilling, Designer of "Gorgeous Gussie" Marana tennis clothes, has produced a series of new and striking models for 1950 summer play. Some are styled in sheer nylon fabrics and feature handworked trimmings. Photo shows: Tilling's "sunny day" ensemble (left) comprises a high length straight coat designed for brightening the intervals between games. This model is in sheer nylon chiffon shaded from pale primrose at the shoulders to deep daffodil yellow at the hem. Armhole and pockets are trimmed with white draw embroidery matching the trimming of the dress beneath in white cerise jersey. On right is the "Tilling 'shadow' look"—a transparent overdress in white nylon ripple voile worn over bra and shorts of cotton seersucker in gay red and green harlequin design. (AP Photo).

Consideration of treaty for Japan

Washington, April 24.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, Republican consultant on foreign policy, said today that very active consideration is being given toward pushing forward the drafting of the Japanese peace treaty.

Mr. Dulles did not know exactly what is being done but found that the State Department is giving a great deal of thought to making headway on the subject.

A reporter reminded Mr. Dulles that he recently expressed the desire to strip away some of the mystery which he said shrouded progress on the treaty.

He replied, "I do not know much more today than I did then. However, I can say that very active consideration is being given to pushing forward on that front."

Mr. Dulles made no other specific mention of other Far Eastern questions at his Press conference. However, he noted that his appointment was the first effort in recent times to bring Republicans into working relationship with the entire field of foreign policy instead of confining the so-called bipartisan efforts to European Latin-American and United Nations subjects.

He said that Republican Congressmen will back whatever reasonable measures are needed to maintain the U.S. position in Berlin.

Mr. Dulles made the statement in connection with a report by a high Government source over the week-end that the United States is determined to use force if pushed too far by the Russians' cold war tactics, especially in Berlin.—United Press.

IKE WOULD GET THEIR VOTE

New York, April 24.

The American Institute of Public Opinion reported today the results of a survey wherein voters were asked: "If the 1952 presidential elections were being held today, and General Eisenhower were running on the Republican ticket against Mr. Truman on the Democratic ticket, how would you vote?"

The survey said 60 per cent favoured Eisenhower, 31 per cent Truman, while nine per cent had no opinion.

Director George Gallup commented: "A good deal of Eisenhower's personal popularity may stem from the fact that he has not had to take a stand on very many controversial issues, since his public career to date has been non-political."—United Press.

Cold war all one front

Helsinki, April 24.
The cold war, whether in Europe or Asia, is one front, the Communist deputy leader, Mr. Anthony Eden, said here tonight.

The wartime Foreign Secretary declared that the establishment of Communist power in China may exert an even more extensive influence on the world than Soviet attempts to wage the cold war in the West.

Mr. Eden welcomed the Australian proposal for a co-ordinated Commonwealth effort to raise the living standard of the Asian peoples. This, he stated, is certainly the only way to meet the cold war in the Far East.

"It was indeed good news that American statesmen had shown their interest in the proposals."

Mr. Eden, who was addressing a bye-election meeting, said that in his opinion a testing period of decisive importance is at hand.

"You can fight it only by deeper faith, by harder work—by results,"—Reuter.

NEHRU'S VISIT TO KARACHI

Karachi, April 24.

"Extremely watertight security arrangements have been made for the forthcoming visit to Karachi of India's Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, and his party of 10 officials."

An added strength of policemen, both plainclothes and uniformed, will be posted in the Governor-General's house, where Mr. Nehru will stay.

When Mr. Nehru arrives at Malapur, Royal Pakistan Air Force Station, on Wednesday, the airport will be closed to the public.

A evening reception is awaiting the Indian Premier, however. A State reception and banquet luncheon have been arranged in his honour at the Governor-General's house.

Political talks between the two Premiers will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday and the whole day on Thursday. The scope of the talks cover the Kashmir dispute and evacuee property in both countries. Mr. Nehru will also meet the Foreign Minister, Zafarullah Khan.—Associated Press.

PEKING WORKERS FOR MOSCOW

San Francisco, April 24.

A delegation of trade unionists, headed by Mr. Liu Ning, Vice-President of the All-China Federation of Labour, left Peking this morning to attend May Day celebrations in Moscow, Peking Radio reported tonight.

The delegation is going to the Russian capital on the invitation of M. V. Kuznetsov, President of the All Union Central Council of Trade Unions of the USSR, the Radio added.—Reuter.

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The family of the late Mr. Wong Tat Yen thank all relatives and friends for their attendance at the funeral and Masses and for the floral tributes, donations to charities and expressions of condolence in their sad bereavement. A Requiem Mass will be said at the St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon on Friday, May 12, 1960 at 9 a.m. for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

NEW DEMOCRACY GOES EAST

Quite a number of inquests are being held, as a result of our present discontents, into the reason why the gifts of foresight were lacking among our leaders and why so many prophecies were wrong. The cold war was not foreseen, says a State Department publication on the preparations during the war for policy after the war. The American Generals and others who so bitterly fought Mr. Churchill's strategy of a major advance into the Balkans, instead of a premature second front in France, now confess to second thoughts. The reactionaries hunting for scapels in the United States have picked out officials and advisers who had written "favourably of the Chinese Communists during the past few years. They charge them with describing the Communists as mere "agrarian reformers."

Undoubtedly many mistakes were made, and there had been over-much wish-thinking. We gathered in the past two or three years quite a collection of them. Take, for example, this gem from a young writer who blazed like a comet in the China sky in the post-war years: Writing under the caption "Trade Booms in Mukden," he said: "Finally, it is clear this is a Chinese revolution, made by Chinese for Chinese... Russian influence has stayed within the boundaries of ideology. China's problems must be settled by Chinese, and the new China emerging will want as close ties with Britain and America as she can have."

But take Mao Tse-tung—he is a better authority. In the course of a lecture in 1941 he insisted that Chinese reality and history, not foreign doctrine, must be the determining factor in the Chinese movement. He denounced people who were merely phonographs and relied upon foreign ideas. Their duty, he insisted, was to adapt imported stuff in a way useful to China. The Communist Party, he admitted, had not escaped this infection.

Those were the days when Mao was forming his ideas of "The New Democracy." It is to be doubted if any of the Western critics have suffered anything like the same discomfiture as the Communist authors of Chinese policy themselves, especially Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai, at the outcome of events so far. But then, doctrinaires are seldom able to control the

A rather cynical French politician once said that the most useful function of Parliament was to prevent things being done.

This is worth bearing in mind at the present moment. Some people have been expressing concern at the virtual paralysis of Parliament because of the equal strength of the two major parties. But this paralysis may turn out to be a good thing. It may strengthen the tendency of Parliament to "prevent things being done."

People who are anxious about the effects on the country of the present situation in Parliament should remember also that Parliament is not the only power which determines the way in which Britain is governed.

In theory Parliament is sovereign. But in fact the position is much more complex. Many new members of Parliament who a month ago felt that the world was now at their feet are at this moment making the discovery that politics are not simply made by majority votes in Westminster.

Consider the number of bodies and groups which make, or at least influence, politics. The interesting fact about most of them is that they are not elected by any constituents. They are either self-appointed or they represent sectional pressure groups. For good or ill, they modify the extent to which Britain is democratically governed by the elected representatives of the people.

Influential body

One very influential body of this kind is the Administrative Division—the higher division of the Civil Service. True, the task of the Civil Service is only to execute policy. It is not to decide its general lines. But where one leaves off and the other begins is hard to say.

A Minister usually works very closely with his upper Civil Service advisers. If these have any strong ideas on the line which they pursue they must put it at its lowest, a minimum opportunity for advocating their ideas in the decisive quarter.

Another influential body is the Press. The editors of the Press are not elected by any constituency. They are not selected by public examination like Civil Servants. All a newspaper has to do in order to exist is to sell enough copies to pay its way. To be influential it does not even have to have a large circulation. The two most powerful papers in England have the smallest circulation among the national dailies. Yet though their circulation is

create. They come out of great forces, which in revolutionary upheavals are rarely controllable until the phase of iron discipline is imposed from above.

The moderate Communists in Peking have not been overthrown, but their whole programme of gradualism has been discarded. The pace set in China is not that laid down in the Common Programme of Mao's New Democracy, but that of the maximum programme of the international Communists. The long transitional stage has been telescoped, both in politics and in economics. Even the retail trade—in which the Chinese trader was among the most efficient anywhere—is being taken over by the New Bureaucracy.

In his speech on the Common Programme, to the long conference of the Peking Political Consultative Council, Mr. Chou En-lai said that for the task that lay ahead they wished to rally all the democratic classes and nationalities within the country, and Chinese abroad, to form a great people's democratic united front. This stand had been struggled for not only by the Communist Party for 28 years but, he said, it had also been supported and acclaimed by all the democratic parties and groups, people's organisations, various regions, the Army, national minorities within the country, overseas Chinese, and all patriotic democrats. During the discussions in the Preparatory Committee, all had held that this united front should be carried on and take shape organisationally, to further its development during the entire period of the New Democracy. And all agreed, he added, that the P.P.C.C. is the best organisational form of this united front. It was thus to remain in being pending the convening of the People's Congress through universal suffrage. So far as we know, the P.P.C.C. has never met since its formation. The session was concluded, the K.F.M.I. recognised Peking, and Mao went to

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BEHIND PARLIAMENT

By "Windrush"
Special Correspondent

relatively low, among their readers are M.P.s, Civil Servants, Ministers. What these papers say may influence political decision very considerably.

Trade unions

Consider again the Trade Unions. Trade Union leaders are elected. But they represent only a relatively small section of the community. The Trade Unionists have always been a very powerful pressure group on the Labour Party. And if there should be a Conservative government, the Trade Unionists will certainly make their voice heard in preventing the Tories from being too Tory.

In the same way, the professional associations, the Federation of British Industries, and often the Churches, enjoy their own

share of political power. None of these can be regarded as real democratic associations.

In the power of these groups a good thing? Some democratic theorists have always deplored the fact that any section of the community should be able to stand up against the power of the democratically-elected government. They say that anything which deflects a democratic government from the course, which it would otherwise take, is a frustration of the people's will.

This was the theory of the French philosophers after the French revolution. It was denounced by a great English Catholic historian, Lord Acton, as the continental theory of democracy. He said that it was at variance with the much healthier English theory of democracy, which was that the will of the people was best discovered by the balance achieved between all the different groups and organisations representing the different interests of society. Parliament was the chief, but not the only, one of these organisations.

The difference between these two theories of democracy is still important. By a not very great stretching of words it is possible to regard the Soviet democracy of East Europe as carrying on the continental or French system of democracy. Nothing is allowed to impede or influence the Soviet government.

In British democracy, at the other hand, the actions of Parliament are kept in a certain balance with the actions and pressure of other institutions. Parliament makes no attempt to eradicate these institutions. It may be hoped that it never will. Thus in a sense even a General Election is never general. It elects a new parliament but it does not make possible a total revolution.

North African Journey--No. 2:

Half-way to freedom...

I recognised the place from the Wavell campaign. It was one of the white cubist homes which Mussolini had built for Italian settlers in Cyrenaica.

When British troops arrived the first time it had been spruce and clean with gingham curtains and spotless walls and gleaming copper pans.

An old man, the Italian owner, had gone on his knees to beg me to stay the night because he was afraid the Arabs would loot his house and rape his women.

This time—10 years later—the old man was gone. The house had neither windows nor doors, and the walls were blackened where fires had been lit against them.

The vegetable garden was gone and the fruit trees had been chopped down. But the words "Mussolini is always right" were still painted above the front door—no one had bothered to disturb them.

What had happened to the little white house is what is happening to this vast empty country which we captured and lost so often during the war.

On the verge

For eight years there has been a British presence in Cyrenaica on the verge of national independence. And independence is coming at a moment when the country is hopelessly poised between ancient and modern—between progress and liberty.

Its agriculture is neither bedouin nor European. It is half-and-half. The traditional nomad husbandry based on flocks

and herds has been ruined because the grazing lands have been ploughed up and the wells harvested for irrigation.

On the other hand, the Italian colonial system of crops has been ruined because the Italian colonists have gone and their farms have fallen to rack and ruin.

By Alexander Clifford

It is the same with the towns. The Italians built expensively and enthusiastically. They created a new race of city dwellers with appropriate habits and demands.

But the cities have been bombed and the Italians driven out. Benghazi is sadder than the last time the Eighth Army passed through it, but not much more intact.

No one has the money to do repairs, and by the weird freaks of peace treaties most of the buildings still belong to the Italian State, anyway.

So independence will catch the city dwellers in a ruined and unrepairable city with no basis for a city life.

It is the same with health services, public works, education, and other paraphernalia of a modern State. The Cyrenaicans know all about them from the European nations which have occupied the country. They have acquired a taste for them.

But with independence they won't be able to get them. For it is mathematically impossible for this desert land to be self-sufficient.

The Bengal pact

Easter brought to the British Commonwealth one very good piece of news. On Easter Saturday Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, signed a Minorities Agreement in Bengal and brought new hopes of a comprehensive settlement between India and Pakistan.

The situation has been saved in Bengal. But the crisis there brought India and Pakistan within an inch or two of disaster. Looking back it is clear that the trouble there, while it arose out of real grievances of the Hindu minority in East Pakistan, was wickedly inflamed and exploited by agents in the Indian province of West Bengal.

It has been hard to piece together all the facts. The trouble began at the end of last December in East Pakistan with a fracas between Moslem police and Hindu villagers. This caused an exodus of Hindu refugees of East Bengal, that is to India.

After a little delay an immense agitation was started in India. Hindus demanded action by the Indian Government to relieve the alleged sufferings of Hindus in East Pakistan. There were anti-Moslem riots in Calcutta, in retaliation there were anti-Hindu riots in Dacca, the capital of East Pakistan. These intensified the anti-Moslem agitation in India.

Since then the facts have been investigated by reliable observers. It has become plain that the extent of the original grievance in East Pakistan was grossly magnified by Hindu agitators in India. The casualty role was multiplied many times over. The riots were, of course, extremely unpleasant, but they resulted in loot and arson rather than in murder.

Untrue allegation

The Indians alleged that the police in East Pakistan abetted the riots. This turned out to be untrue. The East Pakistan police were certainly efficient in putting down the riots. But the police were very much alarmed. The police in East Pakistan are

roads and the main way of getting about is by waterway. Some of the police did wonders. The Police Superintendents at Barisal and Sylhet have been praised by unbiased observers.

The people who did the rioting in East Bengal were chiefly the very poor villagers. The rural proletariat, whose situation is so desperate that they seize every opportunity of violence to get a little loot. They were aided by Moslem villagers from the nearby Indian Province of Bihar, who fled from riots three years ago and who still thirst for revenge.

Their feelings have been made even more savage because of the difficulties they have met with in settling down in East Pakistan. Terrible crimes were certainly committed during the riots. But there was news also of the protection given by many Moslems to their Hindu neighbours. Today the temper seems to have spent itself in the villages. People are feeling genuine remorse. There are stories of joint Hindu-Moslem effort in re-building villages. Loot is being restored.

Unscrupulous agitation

The more the facts are examined, the more unscrupulous seems to have been the agitation which followed the disorders in East Bengal. It is quite clear that it was organised by the Hindu Mahasabha, the semi-Fascist Indian organisation, and it is not unreasonable to think that this Party was trying to use the opportunity to force the Indian Government into "police action" against East Pakistan, similar to that against Hyderabad.

The Hindu Mahasabha has stated several times that it does not accept the fact of the partition of India and stands for the re-incorporation of Pakistan in India, first of East Bengal, later of the Punjab and Sind. For a time it seemed as if the Government of India was unwilling to take really decisive steps against the Mahasabha. But three weeks ago the Mahasabha was proclaimed a "prohibited organisation" in India. About 500 Moslem were killed and also a well-known Englishman. Outraged the Government of India it has moved strongly against the Mahasabha.

supporting except on the most primitive basis.

It cannot conceivably be so well off alone as when foreigners were occupying it.

And you get the same half-way position with the Government itself. The Amir Sayed Sir Mohammed Idris of Mohel of Monar and half a constitutional monarch.

But independence is coming. Britain gave a fair measure of internal autonomy last year. UN has ordered Cyrenaica to form a single independent State (probably a federal one) with the rest of Libya by January 1, 1962. Whatever happens, the foreign rulers are going.

The Amir wants them to go at once. Sitting in his country palace—an ex-Italian casino—outside Benghazi, he told me he had asked the British for immediate independence.

But it is doubtful whether he or any other Cyrenaican has worked out exactly what this independence will mean. What it looks like meaning is this: The country will sink gradually back to a bedouin economy.

The town dwellers among their modernistic ruins, will become voiceless and troublesome, or else drift back to the desert.

The plans for social development will wither away, for they are based on a budget which an independent Cyrenaica can never balance.

Old tradition

There is not much reason to expect that the government will be very efficient.

And at the top end of the scale there is a deep-rooted oriental tradition of nepotism. The Amir's family—the Senussi—is some 300 strong, and very definitely considers itself the ruling family.

So Cyrenaica looks like going the way of the little, white farmhouse.

There is indeed a deep ethical problem embedded in all this. Is it better to give people freedom to drift back into the poverty and squalor they prefer? Or is it better to force development and "progress" on them?

And that leads to another, even deeper problem. Cyrenaica under its bedouin system of agriculture may be able to feed itself. But Cyrenaica under a fully developed system of modern agriculture might help to feed all Europe.

Perhaps in this end an overcrowded world will need this



Local resident claims to have seen flying saucer over the harbour.

If people wouldn't fuss about so much, they wouldn't harbour such silly startling ideas.

"Time wasting at Wimbledon—umpires briefed."

Gorgeous Gussie has apparently started something.

I note without surprise that Lord Beaverbrook, on his 50th publishing anniversary, continues to express the view that the Standard of Imperialism must be carried higher, instead of falling to a new Low.

Cold war. Drrenched and bedraggled, Kitchie went down to La Salle. Yes, the room was made for the sneezes.

So many things I would like to be enlightened on... For instance, these chopper attack cases. Fellow was reported yesterday to have inflicted 40 wounds on a rival, who thereupon walked off in the opposite direction.

It can only mean (a) that local choppers aren't up to much, (b) that the victims are tough around here, or (c) that attackers don't know their business. One good strong chop should be enough for anyone.

A 71-year-old Japanese woman, attempts suicide on being scorned by lover.

Hope winters eternal...

Kuala Lumpur manufacturers Malaysia protest against Hong Kong competition in the rubber shoe market.

President Truman says, "We are working quietly but effectively, without headlines or hysteria, against Communist subversion in this country."

Without headlines or hysteria. Oh well, I suppose everything is relative.

"And is the prince incognito?" "Well, no, sir, but he's certainly had a few."

Face-slapping marks Red Deer's peace rally.

Seems to have been an attempt to bring the appropriate colour to the faces of the opposition.

During working hours? "Two sisters compromise restaurant's entire staff."

land. But meantime the 250,000 inhabitants of Cyrenaica are going to be independent. And Britain has special reason for being interested in what happens to them.

For Britain needs a foothold in Cyrenaica as a stepping-stone for the defence of the Empire, now that she is out of Egypt.

Treaty dilemma

To do this she needs a treaty. She cannot very well make one now, because she is handling Cyrenaica's foreign affairs; and she should simply be signing a treaty with herself.

So we have to wait for independence and trust that the independent Cyrenaicans will be willing to sign a treaty with Britain.

I think they will sign. They seem to be genuinely pro-British. And hiring out Tobruk Harbour would be as convenient a way of securing foreign currency as any. I expect they will sign. It would be very awkward if they didn't.

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Wrapped in rubber cloaks standard bearers struggle up the mountains at Naeefel, Switzerland, during the annual ceremony commemorating the 1388 Battle of Naeefel in which 600 Swiss fighters defeated an army of 6,000 Austrian knights and infantry, killing 1,700. This year heavy rain and wind swept the procession. (AP Photo).

"Soak-the-rich" plan for Greece

Athens, April 24.

General Plastiras delivered a statement to Parliament this evening calling for a soak-the-rich tax programme and administrative and economic reforms.

Speaking to the 250-man Chamber, the leader of the Centre Coalition said reforms on a large scale are necessary immediately.

Tax evaders will be sought out and unjustified exemptions will be eliminated as will subsidies to special groups.

The 10-point programme called for moderate expansion of industry which will draw raw materials from the country's own resources and will be based on the US\$200,000,000 electric power programme approved by the U.S. General Plastiras also promised to bring to light and punish public officials guilty of scandals, particularly during the civil war. Persons who paid off debts with inflated Drachmas will be forced to pay the difference in terms of today's value.

A gradual amnesty will be granted to repentant left wingers but this will not include leaders of the rebellion and the hard core of Communists. Use of violence against persons detained by the police will not be allowed.

Major omission

For some reasons General Plastiras omitted from his speech the section which was previously approved by the Cabinet and which referred to the exchange of Ministers or Ambassadors with Belgrade. In the original speech, this exchange was reported as having been suggested by Belgrade and would have been the first step in the restoration of normal relations with Greece's Northern neighbours.

This was the first time the announcement would have been made. The Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires, Sherif Sechovic, saw General Plastiras twice last week. A reliable source said Mr. Sechovic is leaving for Belgrade on Wednesday to report to Tito on his conversations with General Plastiras and to receive further instructions.—Associated Press.

CRIPPS' REPLY TO CRITICS

Vague suggestion for coalition rejected CLAIM BY CHANCELLOR

London, April 24.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight rejected Mr. Winston Churchill's vague suggestion of a Coalition Government. Winding up a week-long debate on his Budget proposals in the House of Commons, the Chancellor said that Mr. Churchill had made a sort of vague suggestion of a coalition.

"This could only work if everyone else abandoned their policy in favour of the policy of Mr. Churchill," he declared. Mr. Churchill laughingly interjected, "That would be much the best."

Sir Stafford added, amid Government cheers, "What ever the Liberal Party may think about it we are not having any on that basis." At one time it was thought that the Opposition would force a vote tonight on a technical question about Purchase Tax. But they did not.

The outstanding Budget resolution, on which the debate took place, was approved without a division. The Opposition in reserving its all-out attack on the Government for Wednesday when they will vote against two Budget proposals—increases in the petrol tax and the imposition of a purchase tax on lorries.

Defeat on either would, it is assumed, mean the resignation of the Government and a new General Election.

Sir Stafford said that it would have been easy to have taken a decision to provide a spectacular and popular budget with an eye on an election.

That was a line which was simple for those who carried no responsibility. But it was not one which the Government was prepared to take, he said.

Not worse off

Sir Stafford denied the suggestion that the British people were worse off now than in 1945 and 1946.

He claimed that Mr. Churchill wanted to develop Britain's economy so as to make it possible for those who had money and wealth to choose how to use it as they wished without restraint. It was exactly that policy which produced the state of affairs experienced between the wars, Sir Stafford added.

Mr. Hugh Galskell, Minister of State for Economic Affairs, said that the petrol tax was not a tax to provide revenue but to finance the relief for income tax. If the Opposition voted against this they should vote against the income tax relief. He recalled, amid Labour laughter, that the petrol tax was first introduced by Mr. Churchill many years ago.

Mr. Churchill had then said that he did it to help the railways which he thought were suffering from unfair competition.

Earlier today Mr. Churchill announced that the Opposition in the House of Commons would vote against the Government on the increase in the petrol tax and the tax on lorries.

Speaking in the resumed debate on the Budget, Mr. Churchill said that the Government had raised "these provocative issues" themselves.

"We have no choice but to express our sincere conviction that both of them are wrong in principle and will be harmful in practice," he said.

A burden

The increase in the petrol tax was a new burden on the travelling public. The tax on the purchase price of vans and lorries was a direct attack upon the

economy and efficiency of production and distribution. He contended that the new taxes were directed towards forcing the travelling public and industry to use the nationalised railways and to offset the impending rises in railway freights and passenger fares.

Criticising the way in which £800,000,000 a year was being spent on defence, Mr. Churchill said that this expenditure needed searching attention.

"I am sure there never was a time when we got less value in fighting power for the immense sums which Parliament has voted," he said. "Our foreign dangers, which seem to be sharpening, will not be thrown off by wasteful and ineffectual expenditure of money but rather by concentration of modern forms of war power in the light of our knowledge."

Observing that Britain could not exist permanently in an election atmosphere, Mr. Churchill added, amid laughter, "Here we are in the supreme crisis of our history watching each other, like cat and mouse and who can say who is the cat and who is the mouse?"

The question was how long could the country afford to be agitated by this ideological conflict?

Gulf of theme

"The gulf which separates the two sides of the House so equally balanced is not a gulf of class nor does it make a breach in fundamental brotherhood. It is one of theme and doctrine," Mr. Churchill added.

The Conservative and Liberal Parties stood for a way of life which at every stage multiplied the choices opened to individuals. "Socialist devotes stand for the multiplication of rules," the Conservative leader declared.

He continued, "We are split half and half as I have never known this country split before. How long have we got to go on with neither one side nor the other having the power to do anything to grapple effectively on its merits with the national needs?"

"If we go on year after year absorbed in our internal Party and class fight there may never be another chance for the life and glory of Britain to show itself again."

"Somehow or other we must reach firm ground again and have a Government that is not afraid or unable to do things if they are in the national interest."

The future

Mr. Churchill asserted that he did not believe in coalitions that were formed only as the result of Party bargaining.

He concluded, "It is with deep anxiety, into which my personal feelings do not enter at all, that I try to read the mysteries of our immediate future."

French fear Chinese riot in Indo-China

Salgon, April 24.

French authorities express fear that the Chinese in Indo-China may soon stir up trouble as one of the effects of the fall of Hainan.

Police were alerted yesterday for a demonstration by Chinese Communists in the Cholon sector of Salgon.

Small groups of demonstrators were dispersed without incident before they could carry out a plan to tear down pictures of Chiang Kai-shek from store windows.

Moscow-backed Ho Chi-minh's nationalist movement is sponsoring a propaganda campaign favouring co-operation with the Chinese and praising "the great Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung."—Associated Press.

SABOTAGE AT ATOM PLANT

Washington, April 24.

The fire which destroyed an American Atomic Energy Commission building at Berkeley, California, last night, caused damage estimated at \$150,000 but no machinery was lost, a Commission spokesman said here today.

The cause of the fire is still unknown tonight but the spokesman believes sabotage was responsible.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents (G-Men) and Commission officials are investigating.

The fire, followed by a series of minor explosions, broke out in a section of the Berkeley Research Laboratory used to store files and non-technical materials. No one was working in the building at the time.

The fire was brought under control before it could spread to the University of California's \$9,000,000 atom-smashing cyclotron, one of the world's most powerful.—Reuter.

TORNADO DAMAGE

Donaldsonville Louisiana, April 24.

A tornado twister tore through here today, damaging at least 12 homes and the Catholic Church and carrying a baseball park grandstand a block away from the stadium. The police chief, Leo Mattingly, said no one was injured.

It was the second twister to hit the city in six weeks. The first one caused some US\$35,000 damage. Mr. Mattingly said today's damage is less.—United Press.

ting up a kingdom on both banks of the Jordan.

Syria expects to receive an urgent summons to attend a meeting of the Political Committee of the Arab League to consider the annexation of East Palestine by Jordan, the Prime Minister, Khaled Azim, told Reuter.—Reuter.

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RAIN MAY DECIDE ELECTION

Dumbarton, April 24.

Rain over Loch Lomond tomorrow may determine the Socialist Government's survival in Britain.

Voters in the West Scotland district of Dumbartonshire are selecting a new Member of Parliament there to replace Adam McKintley, Labour, who died two weeks after he won the seat in the February 23 elections with a 613 majority.

Conservatives say rain will hold down the vote along the Loch and in the agricultural districts where their strength is greatest.

Confident Socialists say they will win whether it rains or not. Both parties concede that the election will be close. There are no other candidates.

A Conservative victory would end the Socialist overall majority in the House of Commons to three with a critical vote on the Budget resolution coming up on Wednesday.

The successful candidate may be flown to London in time for the Commons vote.

The Communists, who polled 1,108 votes in the February 23 election, offered the Labour candidate their support, but he rejected it.

This will be the second by-election since the general election. Labour won the first in the Independent division of Sheffield.—Associated Press.

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Paris drops a hint



Drawing by Francis Marshall

By IRIS ASHLEY

Today we bring you a really clear example of the Paris influence on British fashion.

Designer Wallace, of Spectator Sports, has been very quick off the mark indeed. The dress and coat you see here are directly in line with two of the most successful models shown by Christian Dior this spring.

On the left, absolutely the season's classic line for day-time, is the dress with the newest trick of achieving colour by the use of transparent material—a lovely sheer cotton in navy blue in unpressed pleats over a slip of peacock-green silk. Note the "horseshoe" neck and sleeveless effect which is not yet too bare.

The coat does for spring what a fur coat will do for winter. It goes over anything and always looks right. Made of tussore, its pale, almost oyster, colour cannot quarrel with hat, shoes—or even hair—and it is lined with black silk. I need hardly tell you by now that the flower is a large red malmal-son carnation.

Designing dresses as a profession

When Britain's boys and girls prepare to leave school today they can ask for advice, concerning the kind of work they wish to accept or the career they wish to follow, from the local branch of the Central Youth Employment Service.

To supplement this verbal advice a series of booklets prepared by the Ministry of Labour is being issued. These contain information and detailed particulars about a profession, industry, craft or service.

One of the most interesting of these new booklets—which have the general title "Choice of Careers"—is devoted to the work of the dress designer. It tells how the designer works in the highest type of model fashion trade as well as in the wholesale industry. It also touches on the work of designers of theatrical costumes and paper patterns.

Many aspiring applicants to the rank of dress designer imagine that an eye for line, a flair for sketching and a lot of luck are

the only things necessary for success. "The Dress Designer" corrects that native view. The booklet analyses the need, first of all, for the "personal qualities" which go to make the successful designer. It then points out the necessity for professional training, and also discusses the training as a full-time course, and what it is likely to cost.

The boy or girl who wishes to become a good dress designer, says the booklet must have temperament, but to be temperamental is merely a hindrance, and technical knowledge is absolutely essential. In the wholesale trade the young learner must also be good at teamwork for there is good cooperation with the firm's buyer and production and costing experts.

Both in the model trade and in the wholesale trade a clear-headed business-like approach is essential. For the people at the top of the profession—the leaders whose ideas are followed throughout the dress trade—own their success to a combination of creative talent, technical experience, an understanding of contemporary social life, and business ability.

Electricity may remove toil from housework

By Elizabeth Toomey

Somebody will have to think up a new name for housework in the next 50 years. If all the predictions of electric engineers come true, the house will still be there but the work will be gone.

There will be no worry over the vegetable boiling dry or the eggs cooking too long. In a forecast of the coming half-century, one expert predicts electric ranges with temperature controls on the surface units.

The heat on the top of the stove will be keyed to the food it's cooking. If the water boils away, the temperature automatically drops to a point where the vegetables won't burn.

These previews of electrical marvels come from officials of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Electronics, they predict, will influence the lives of nearly everyone on earth. A tough steak even will be impossible. It will be electronically tenderised before it is sold.

Shopping to be simpler

One of these days we may have a combination washing machine and dryer that will soak, wash, rinse and dry clothes all in a single cycle. You even may be dumping the soiled socks in a super-soak washer.

Housewives may shop for fresh and pre-cooked foods only a few times a year. They'll be stored in refrigerators and freezers, which will have special compartments for all kinds of food, so each can have its special temperature and humidity condition. The electrical industry's forecasters predict that homes of the future may be lighted by "bottled sunlight." It will come from phosphor powders mixed into building material or into paint or wallpaper. At night, these phosphors would give off a light energy they absorbed during the day.

Houses may have automatic indoor climate control. The engineers say that the home of the future may have its own built-in transformer to provide power for that and for other household appliances.

Nothing to take apart

It looks as though tomorrow's husband is going to be stuck when he gets the urge to take something apart. The electric motors for home equipment and appliances will be burnt-out proof. All the electrical gadgets will be foolproof.

The only thing that has the visionaries puzzled is a simple substitute for ironing. Electrical ironers have helped, but they want something that irons a shirt automatically. They're dreaming of something like a sensitive, self-adjusting form over which a shirt could be drawn and steamed at the same time.

Just to convince the sceptics that these things may not be too far in the future, the same company that's doing the forecasting, has announced three new appliances ready for the 1950 market.

Miracle dishwasher

There's an automatic dishwasher that washes off food waste, studds the dishes, rinses them and finally dries them drying. It uses 140-degree water, too hot for human hands.

Then there is an electric range built like a knee-hole desk, so you'll have a place to stow the kitchen stool.

The third development is a refrigerator with a completely automatic defroster. The researchers figured out that the average household refrigerator door is opened 60 times a day.

In the new refrigerator, a mechanical counter keeps track, and on the 60th opening, the defrosting mechanism begins working. It even disposes of the defrost water automatically.

COOKERY BY TELEVISION

A woman chef with many secret recipes has been giving demonstrations in Britain's television programmes. She began as a kitchen maid and today, 45 years old and pleasantly plump, Miss Andrews is in charge of the feeding at Wallingford Cottage Hospital in the English county of Berkshire.

She has supervised the kitchens of Lord Leconfield, Lord Inchcape, and Mr. J. H. Upton, the shoe millionaire. But she learned to make real curry in Scotland at a house where Ranji, the great cricketer, was a guest.

"I used to prepare meals to Indian recipes brought to me by his valet," she said.

CHAIR WITH A PEDIGREE

The famous Glastonbury (England) chair is known all over the world, but not many people are aware that the sole surviving maker is 40-years-old Gordon T. Browning, who is celebrating 25 years as a craftsman. Women who are proud to own one of his chairs will be interested to know that he models these beautiful pieces of furniture exactly on the two existing originals made in Britain in King Henry VII's time.

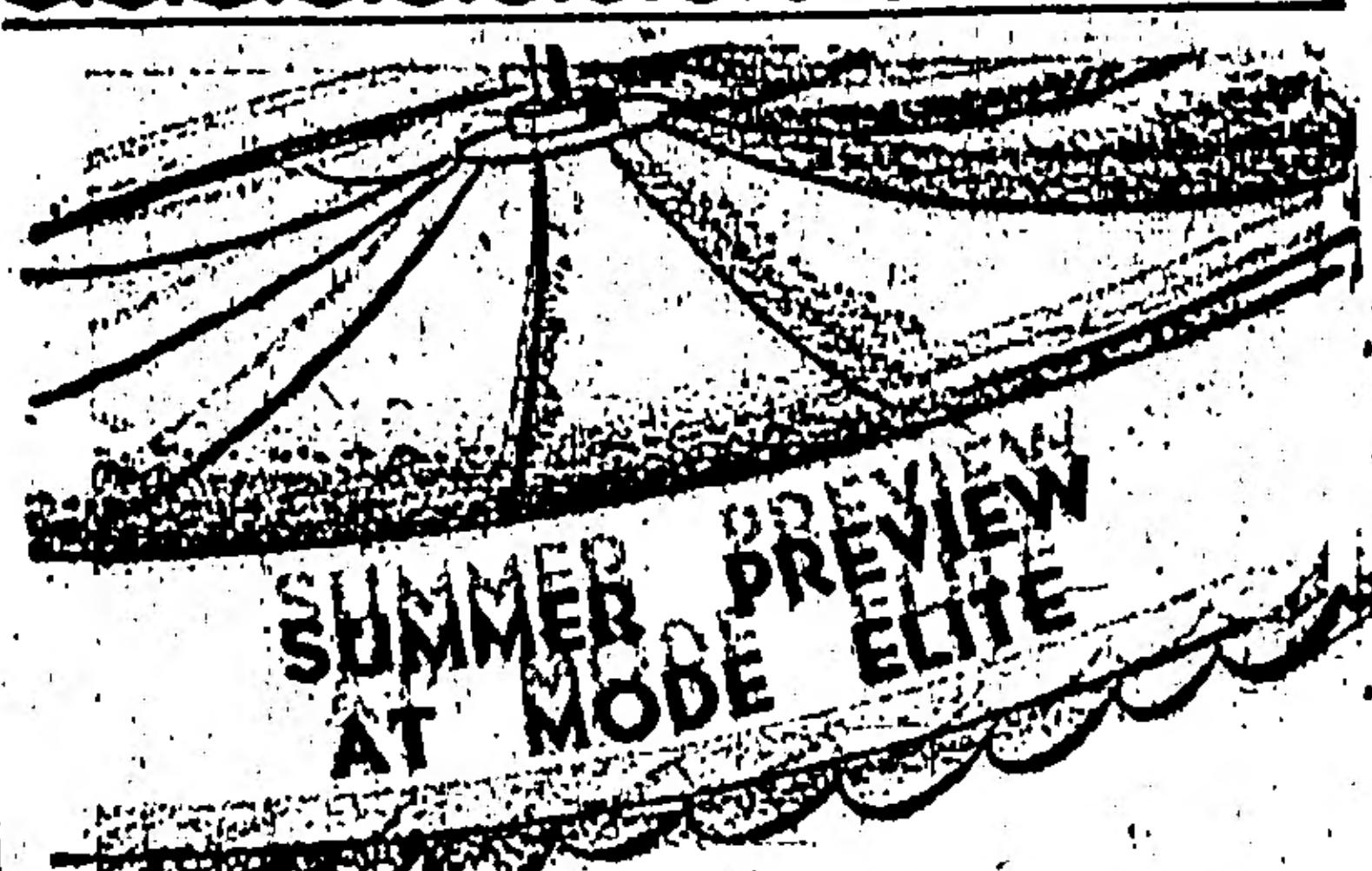
His replicas have neither nail nor glue, and bear the hand-carved Latin inscription at the first maker: "John Arthur, Monk of Glastonbury, May God Save him, Praise be to God, and give peace, Oh Lord."

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"ANKING"	Osaka	2nd May
"SINKIANG"	Australia	9th May
"CHANGTE"	Japan	12th May

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"ASTYANAX"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	11th May
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Man accused of possession of forged notes

An alleged carrier of forged Hong Kong banknotes, Nip Shu-kong, stood trial at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, and a jury of six men and one woman yesterday.

Nip, who is not legally represented, is charged with possession of 10 forged \$100 Chartered Bank notes, 30 \$5 Hong Kong Bank notes, and one \$100 Hong Kong Bank note.

According to Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall, the accused was arrested on January 27 while trying to buy a pair of trousers from a shop with a fake \$5 and \$10 note.

Nip was found to have forged money on him and in his house. He was taken to the police station, where he was charged.

In the witness stand yesterday, the accused denied any knowledge that the notes were forged. He maintained they had been passed on to him by a friend, whom he trusted.

After cross-examination by the Crown, the trial adjourned until this morning.

YMCA LECTURE

In the "Child Study" series of lectures at the YMCA, 11 Duddell Street, Mrs. Theodore Choy will lecture today at 3 p.m. on "How to use visual aids for the greatest effectiveness".

All members and non-members are welcome.

The Hong Kong Women's International Club will have a tea party for its members on May 2 at 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The party has been arranged to introduce members to the Committee.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 81 metre band.

M.K.T.

12.10—Broadcast for Schools—Geography

"Into the Mountains" The Story of the Simpson Tunnel. (BBC)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calline"—Programme Summary.

12.35—Programme of Improvised Music by the Octet of the BUC. (BBC)

12.45—"From the Films"

1.15—News Weather Report and Announcements

1.25—Interlude

1.30—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra. (BBC)

2.05—Close Down

5.55—"Hong Kong Calline"—Programme Summary

6.00—"Take It from Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (London Relay)

6.30—"Frank Bowdell and His Orchestra"

6.45—Saxophone Recital by Emilio Salinas with Piano Accompaniment by Vicente Cristobal. (Studio)

7.00—"Lucky Dip"—Variety Request Programme Presented by Christine Shore. (Studio)

8.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

8.15—Orchestra of the Week—"The Ball Orchestra"

8.45—"The English Novel"—Introduction by Geoffrey Griston. (London Relay)

9.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

9.10—Weather Report

9.15—"Services Spotlight"—A Weekly Variety Show for the Forces by the Forces. (Relay from the West Lounge Y.M.C.A. Kowloon)

10.00—French Cabaret

10.30—Edwin Fischer and His Chamber Orchestra

10.45—"Soft Lights and Sweet Music"

11.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (Recorded Relay)

God Save the King.

11.30—Close Down.

Four sentenced for conspiring to obtain letters from postmen

The story of how four Chinese conspired to obtain letters from postmen was related at Central yesterday by Detective Sub-Inspector Van.

Defendants, Leung Sing-man, aged 24, Leung Chi-kan, aged 22, Yau Tong, aged 45, and Ho Luk, aged 23, were sentenced to six months hard labour by Mr. J. Reynolds when they pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring to obtain letters.

Leung Sing-man was sentenced to six months hard labour, the sentences to be concurrent, when he pleaded guilty to receiving 12 stolen letters.

DSI Van said that defendants were friends and admitted holding meetings among themselves for some time regarding obtaining letters from postmen.

The meetings were held either at Room 221, Nam Ping Hotel, or at the Wellington Cafe in Des Voeux Road Central.

Defendants decided that the job of the first two was to contact postmen. Eventually, first two defendants were introduced to two postmen, Chan Kam-pui and Mak Cheuk-woon through Yuk-suk.

On the night of April 18, a meeting was held at the Wellington Cafe. In the course of conversation first two defendants explained to the postmen that they were anxious to collect some letters. They intended, by imitating the handwriting, to include demands for money.

Admission by defendants

The first two defendants asked postman Mak to give them letters as soon as possible so that they could work on them. Mak delayed on the instructions of Mr. Fitches of the Post Office, and the police.

At 12.10 p.m. on April 20, Mak went to the cafe and joined first defendant's table. The postman then handed to first defendant a parcel of letters wrapped in a piece of paper. This was seen by a Chinese detective. First defendant then left the cafe and was arrested outside.

In their cautioned statements defendants had admitted conspiring to obtain letters from postmen. They also stated how they would split the money once they got it from the recipients of the letters.

First defendant would be responsible for the printing of writing paper and for the expenses of the gang. The work of second defendant was to contact postmen, the third defendant to imitate handwriting and the fourth to approach recipients of letters and to collect money as stated in the letter forged by them.

Burglar sentenced

Sentence of 15 months' hard labour was imposed on Leung Chung, odd job cooler, by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of house breaking.

Defendant, who faced criminal proceedings on three charges of robbing, with violence, Constable Li Hing-chuen of a finger ring, a wrist watch and two rounds of ammunition, malicious wounding of the constable and resisting arrest, was alleged to have broken into 450 Shuang Yuen Ling and stolen clothing and jewellery to the value of \$534 on February 22.

Inspector P. Lowe said that defendant was arrested in Wan-chai when he attempted to pawn a diamond ring. He was searched and seven gold rings were found on his person. He took the police to Diamond Hill, where the more stolen property was found hidden among the rocks.

When sentence of 15 months was pronounced defendant burst out shouting that he would prefer a death sentence and refused to leave the dock.

ARABS TURNING TO RUSSIA?

Cairo, April 25. Abdel Rahman Azam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, told The Associated Press today that Arab leaders are fed up with U.S. support of Israel and favour a rapprochement with the Soviet Union.

He was commenting on a recent Cairo statement of Mahfuz El-Dawlati, the Syrian Economy Minister, saying it would be better for the Arab States to become a Soviet Republic rather than become "the prey of world Jewry".

Azam Pasha said that El-Dawlati's statement was generally well received in Arab official circles.

He warned "in the face of continuing U.S. support of Israel, the Arab leaders will soon be forced by angry public opinion to lean toward Russia." Associated Press.

Melbourne, April 24. The 1949-50 wheat harvest was the second highest in Australia's history, F.H.M. Calver, chairman of the Wheat Board, said. The Board had received 100,000 bushels of wheat from growers of a harvest estimated at 100,000 bushels.

Chinese held on heroin charge

Two Northern Chinese, Shin Chi-hing and Lai Yung, were each charged with the possession of 32 ounces of heroin powder before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty through their legal counsel, Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Revenue Inspector W. College prosecuting said that on March 5 at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station during a routine search of passengers leaving for Louisa, the drug was found in defendants' suitcases.

At the time of the search three suitcases were placed on a table. First defendant was standing beside one of the suitcases. On being questioned defendant claimed the suitcase to be his and on opening white powder was found. A revenue officer took defendant to the train and brought back second defendant who claimed the second suitcase. The owner of the third suitcase was not found.

When taken to the station all suitcases were found to contain heroin, hidden in specially built secret compartments.

After corroborative evidence was given by three revenue officers hearing was adjourned until May 9.

Reditfusion

Time	Programme	Price
7.00—Up With The Sun		1.50
7.15—Setting Up Exercises		1.50
7.30—Musical Clock		1.50
7.45—Ed. A. Kellie Show		1.50
8.00—News & Weather Forecast		1.50
8.15—Random Rhythm		1.50
8.30—Variety Broadcast		1.50
8.45—A Programme for Women		1.50
9.00—Wednesday's Favourite Classics		1.50
10.00—Morning Melody		1.50
10.15—J.K. Book Exchange		1.50
10.30—B.C. School Broadcast		1.50
10.45—Variety Broadcast		1.50
1.00—Hawala, Midia		1.50
1.15—News		1.50
1.30—London Studio Concert		1.50
2.00—Afternoon Musicale		1.50
2.15—The Bells and His Wildlife		1.50
4.15—Today's Choice		1.50
4.30—Vocalists Yours		1.50
5.00—Music Makers		1.50
5.15—Children's Corner		1.50
5.30—Hornsey Hall		1.50
5.45—Radio Headlines		1.50
6.00—The Hot Club		1.50
6.30—The Jumpin' Jacks		1.50
6.45—Do You Remember?		1.50
7.00—Romantic Circle		1.50
7.15—Candlelight and Silver		1.50
8.00—D.B.C. News		1.50
8.15—The Sweetest Serenade		1.50
8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody		1.50
8.45—The Bells and His Wildlife		1.50
9.15—Time Out with Allan Prescott		1.50
9.30—Radio Stage		1.50
10.00—D.B.C. News		1.50
10.15—Local News		1.50
10.30—Radio News		1.50
10.45—Music of Manhattan		1.50
11.00—A Date with Dreamland		1.50
11.15—Stardust		1.50
11.30—Close Down		1.50

MAERSK LINE

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The M/V "TREIN MAERSK" having arrived from New York and Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk and expenses into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after May 3, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on May 2, 1950, at 10.30 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before May 20, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Insurance will be effected.

YERREN & CO.

Agents

Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.

Summonses against local firms heard

Summonses against three Hong Kong firms for breaches of the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance were heard by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

The firms were the China Travel Service of 6, Queen's Road Central; the Union Enterprise Limited of Room 69, Hotel Cecil; and the Ching Hua Company (Hong Kong) Limited of Telephone House.

Revenue Inspector L. Millington of the Commerce & Industry Department presided.

All three firms were represented by Mr. Y.H. Kan, China Travel Service, pleaded not guilty to the summonses of importing 41 bales of dutiable tobacco leaf into the Colony on January 23 by the name Romantic, and as the prosecution accepted the plea the summonses were withdrawn.

The Union Enterprise Limited was fined \$200 for allowing the 41 bales of tobacco leaf to be off-loaded from the ship and stored in a warehouse other than a General Bonded Warehouse without a permit on January 23.

The Ching Hua Company pleaded guilty to removing the tobacco leaf into a warehouse other than a General Bonded Warehouse without a permit and also with being in possession of the tobacco leaf on which duty had not been paid. They had the goods stored in a godown at No. 1, Bailey Street in February. They were fined \$250.

Mr. Kan said in mitigation that his clients had no intention of cheating the Government of its revenue and asked the Court to treat the offences as technical ones.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realised at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday.

Quality	Average price
Snapper	1.15
White Pomfret (large)	1.20
Macau Sole (large)	1.20
(small)	1.10
Golden Thread	1.25
Head Grunt	1.15
Horse Head (small)	1.20
Conger Pike	1.25
Hair Tail	1.25

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "MENTOR"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on April 27 and 28, 1950, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, April 26, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

From CALCUTTA, RANGOON & STRAITS.

Consignees per ship

ms. "SIRDHANA"

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where it will lie at consignees' risk and expense and subject to terms and conditions of storage of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. The cargo is expected to be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after April 28, 1950.

Cargo is considered as being accepted in good order and condition by consignees, unless broken, chafed and damaged packages are left in the Godown for subsequent examination by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of consignees, at 10 a.m. on May 1, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before May 17, 1950 or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have been taken delivery of at ship's side or alternatively at the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s premises, unless a joint survey has previously been effected.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.

Agents

B. L. B. Co., Ltd.

Singapore, April 26, 1950

P&O B.I. E&A COMPANIES

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL S.N. CO.

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

OUTWARDS	LEAVES LONDON	DUE HONGKONG
ms. "CORFU"	Sailed	12th June
ms. "CANTON"	1st June	6th June
ms. "CANTHAGE"	1st June	6th June

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

HOMEWARDS</

P&O

ROYAL MAIL LINE

SINGAPORE, JAVA PORTS and MACASSAR

Ship	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"VAN HEUTS"	2nd May	5th May
"TJITJALENGKA"	3rd May	9th May
"TJISADANE"	22nd May	27th May

* Only to S'pore, Penang & B Oel

MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

Ship	In Port	1st May
"TJIBADAK"	In Port	1st May
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	13th May	1st June
"TEGELBERG"	13th May	1st June

* Not proceeding to South America
* Not calling Manila and accepting Cargo for East Africa & South America only.

JAPAN

Ship	4th May	5th May
"TJIBADAK"	4th May	5th May
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	30th May	13th May
"TEGELBERG"	30th May	13th May

Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE

EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

Ship	12th May	early June
"MEERKERK"	12th May	early June
"RYNKERK"	12th May	early June
"LANGLESCOT"	12th May	early June

Through B/L issued to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN

Ship	5th May	13th May
"MEERKERK"	5th May	13th May
"RYNKERK"	5th May	13th May
"LANGLESCOT"	5th May	13th May

C. KING'S BUILDING, TELEPHONES: 28015 TO 28017

CHINESE AGENTS: "CONRAD" ROAD, C. YEN, 100% 2311

ISTHMIAN LINE

(Isthmian Steamship Company, New York)

DIRECT MONTHLY SAILINGS TO NEW YORK VIA LOS ANGELES AND PANAMA

Ship	12th May	22nd June	23rd July
"STEEL ADVOCATE"	12th May	22nd June	23rd July
"STEEL SURVEYOR"	12th May	22nd June	23rd July
"STEEL EXECUTIVE"	12th May	22nd June	23rd July

Tanks available for Bulk Oil.

SAILINGS TO SAIGON, BANGKOK & JAKARTA (BATAVIA)

Ship	30th Apr.
"STEEL VOYAGER"	30th Apr.

ARRIVALS FROM U.S.A.

Ship	Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Due H.K.
"STEEL VOYAGER"	Sailed	Sailed	20th Apr.
"STEEL AGE"	23rd Apr.	25th Apr.	16th May

GILMAN & CO., LTD.

Tel. 31146

Chinese Freight Agents: HIN FAT & CO., LTD.
Tels: 28823, 25553 & 23493.

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SWEDISH EAST ASIA CO. LTD.

ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE

Ship	1st Port	24th May
m.v. "TONGHAI"	1st Port	24th May
m.v. "DALI"	1st Port	24th May

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

Ship	5th May	13th May	21st June
m.v. "HEMLAND"	5th May	13th May	21st June
m.v. "TONGHAI"	5th May	13th May	21st June
m.v. "DALI"	5th May	13th May	21st June

FOR
ADEN, PORT SAID, GENOA, MARSEILLES, TANGIER,
CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN,
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

GHULAM MOHAMMED'S MISSION TO THE UK

N.Y. Stock Exchange

London, April 24

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Finance Minister, who arrived in London by air from Karachi on Sunday, today denied reports that he had come here to negotiate a new agreement on Anglo-Pakistan Sterling balances releases for next year.

"It is still too early to negotiate this and my visit to London has nothing to do with Sterling balances releases."

H.K. Stock Exchange

No change in H.K. GOVT. LOANS

Loan	1934 & 1940	1940
4% Loan 98b.	100	100
3 1/2% Loan (1934 & 1940) 98b.	100	100
3 1/2% Loan (1940) 98b.	100	100

BANKS

Bank	Rate
H.K. & S. Bank 1280b.	100
Chartered Bank 29 3/16b.	100
Mercantile Bk. A. & B. 222b.	100
Bank of East Asia 104b.	100

INSURANCE

Company	Rate
Canton Ins. 315b.	100
Union Ins. 303b.	100
China Underwriters 5b.	100
H.K. Fire Ins. 200b.	100

SHIPPING

Company	Rate
Douglas 220b.	100
M. & M. Steamboats 11b.	100
Indo China (Prof.) 80b.	100
(Def.) 200b.	100
Snells (Bearer) 61 3/16b.	100
U. Waterboats Ex. Div. 24b.	100
Asia Nav. 65b, 65a.	100
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, Etc.	100
H.K. & K. Wharves 500b.	100
North Point Wharves 500b.	100
Shanghai-Dongkew Wharves 10b.	100
H.K. Docks 17 1/2b.	100
China Providents 10b.	100
Shanghai Dockyards 3 7/10b.	100
Wharves 24 1/2b.	100

MINING

Company	Rate
H.K. Mines 4 7/10b.	100
H.K. Mines 4 7/10b.	100
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	100
H.K. Lands 40b.	100
Shanghai Lands 120b.	100
H.K. Realities 9b.	100
Chinese Estates 124b.	100

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Company	Rate
H.K. Tramways 125 1/16b.	100
Peak Trams (Old) 18b.	100
(New) 18b.	100
Star Ferry 19b.	100
C. Lights (Old) 11 1/10b.	100
(New) 8b.	100
H.K. Electric 24 1/2b.	100
Macao Electric Ex. Div. 18b.	100
Sandakan Lights 61b.	100
Telephones 14b.	100
Shanghai Gas 11b.	100

INDUSTRIALS

Company	Rate
Cold. Mtns 31b.	100
Canton Ice 31b.	100
Cements 11 1/10b.	100
H.K. Ropes 14b.	100

STORES & C.

Company	Rate
Dairy Farms 36b.	100
Watsons Ex. Rights 24b.	100
C. Crawford 22b.	100
Sinceres 380b.	100
China Emporium 10b.	100
Sun Co. Ltd. 21b.	100
Wing On (H.K.) 101b.	100
Wing On (H.K.) 62b.	100
Wm. Poyell Ltd. 91b.	100

MISCELLANEOUS

Company	Rate
China Entertainment 240b.	100
H.K. Constructions (O) 240b.	100
(N) 130b.	100
Vibed Pillings 114b.	100
Marsman, Investments 9 1/16b.	100
Marsman (H.K.) 75b.	100
Shanghai Loan 15b.	100
Yangtze 360b.	100

COTTONS

Company	Rate
Ewos 27b.	100
RUBBER, etc. COMPANIES.	100
Alma Estates 131b.	100
Anglo-Dutch 30b.	100
Anglo-Javas 15b.	100
Batu Anson 15b.	100
Rute Plantations 60b.	100
Chemor United 55b.	100
Cheng Rubbers 10b.	100
Consolidated Rubbers 160b.	100
Dominion Rubbers 130b.	100
Kuta-Bahroo 50b.	100
Kroewick Javos 10b.	100
Lanakats 15b.	100
Peking Rubbers 10b.	100
Repsa Rubbers 10b.	100
Rubbers-Trusts 21b.	100
Samangia Rubbers 65b, 75a.	100
Semambu Rubbers 20b.	100
Shanghai Kedahs 41b.	100
Shanghai-Malays 10 1/16b.	100
Shanghai-Pahang 75b.	100
Shanghai-Sumatra 60b.	100
Sun Mangals 17b.	100
Sungei Dar 17b.	100
Tanah Merah 15b.	100
Tetong Rubbers 15b.	100
Ziangbe Rubbers 50b.	100

Japan and Sterling area

Tokyo, April 24

Negotiations for a new £150,000,000 trade pact between Japan and the Sterling Area are expected to begin here on May 15.

General Douglas MacArthur's foreign trade section has advised Japanese officials to be ready to attend negotiations between Sterling Area representatives and Allied occupation authorities on that date.

Mr. Eric Lingeman, British Commercial Minister in Tokyo, left here by air today for London for talks with his Government on the new agreement.

Under the new pact Japan is expected to take Australian wool and wheat, Malayan rubber and other Sterling goods in exchange for steel, textiles and other manufactured goods.

The current agreement, which expires on June 30, provided for reciprocal trade valued at £143,000,000.

PI CONTROL OF IMPORTS

Manila, April 25

The Philippine House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a bill continuing rigid controls on imports after the present control law expires on April 30.

The bill would establish quotas for imports on the basis of average imports in the years 1946-48. It would continue the stringent dollar-saving regulations which have been in effect since 1946.

The bill would set up import quotas on a percentage basis as follows:

1. Essential imports to be reduced by not more than 40 per cent.
2. Imports not necessary for human existence but essential to health and well-being to be reduced 40-50 per cent.
3. Non-essential imports to be reduced 60-80 per cent.
4. Luxury imports to be reduced 80-95 per cent.

Essential raw materials and a few other categories not covered by controls would be subject to import licensing—United Press.

WHEAT STOCKS ABOVE NORMAL

Washington, April 25

Heavy post-war production has boosted wheat stocks in major exporting countries far above normal.

The United States Agriculture Department said that on April 1, supplies for export and carry-over reserves in the United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia totalled about 921,000,000 bushels.

This was about 13 per cent greater than a year ago and 64 per cent above the 1935-36 average. But it was only about half the record 1,782,000,000 bushels in 1943.

Of the total supplies available for export and carry-over the United States holds 627,000,000 bushels, Canada 185,000,000, Argentina 89,000,000 and Australia 120,000,000.

The Department reported that while prospects for winter wheat in Europe are promising, autumn conditions in Soviet Russia are not particularly favorable, and crops lacking adequate snow cover until late winter—Reuters.

MONEY MARKET

U.S. dollars dropped to \$46.15 yesterday and after opening at \$46.10, but jumped to \$46.21 in the afternoon.

The jump followed a rumour in the Gold and Silver Exchange that the United States of America had severed diplomatic relations with Russia.

However, at the close of the market the rate dropped to \$46.12.

It opened at HK\$25.20, dropped to \$46.10 and closed at \$46.21. Sterling opened at HK\$15.70 and closed at \$46.03.

Australian pounds were stationary at HK\$12.00.

Plaster remained nominal at HK\$12.50.

Tin at HK\$25.50 a 100 were unchanged.

NEI Guilders went up 20 cents to HK\$5.40 a 100.

NY RUBBER

New York, April 24

Crude rubber number one futures closed 15 to 13 1/2 higher. Sales 132 contracts.

Month	Price
May	23.25 bid
July	24.40
September	23.70 bid
December	22.80 bid

Spot number one ribbed smoked sheets 25-1/2 nominal—Associated Press.

Pacific Far East Line, Inc.

Fast Regular Trans-Pacific Service

Ship	San Francisco	Los Angeles	Seattle	Portland	Vancouver	Yokohama	Manila	Colon	San Pedro de Macoris	Santo Domingo	Santiago	San Juan	Puerto Rico	San Juan	Puerto Rico
"PACIFIC"	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10
"PACIFIC"	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24

For further information, contact: Pacific Far East Line, Inc., 100 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINE

The Global Fleet

TO HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO via JAPAN

Ship	Arr. May	Sails May
"General Gordon"	Arr. May 2	Sails May 3
"President Wilson"	Arr. May 3	Sails May 4
"President Cleveland"	Arr. May 28	Sails May 29

TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via JAPAN

Ship	Arr. Apr.	Sails Apr.
"President Taft"	Arr. Apr. 28	Sails Apr. 29
"President Madison"	Arr. May 8	Sails May 9

* Calling Taku Bar & Tsingtao

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

Ship	Arr. May	Sails May
"President Fillmore"	Arr. May 13	Sails May 14
"President Tyler"	Arr. June 10	Sails June 11

ROUND THE WORLD

VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, COCHIN, BOMBAY, KACACHI, SUEZ, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, GENOA, NEW YORK AND BOSTON

Ship	Arr. May	Sails May
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